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Major Sets a Showdown For Commons EC Vote

He Stakes Political Life on Maastricht, Telling Tory Rebels to Stop 'Squabbling'

International Herald Tribune
As the Italian and Spanish lower bouses of arliament overwhelmingly approved the faastricht treaty Thursday, Prime Minister ohn Major of Britain made it clear that he ould stake his political life on the issue in

arliament next week.

Rather than introduce a simple procedural totion, the cabinet decided to turn next Vednesday's debate on the Treaty on Europen Union into the occasion for a virtual confi-tence motion and a showdown with Thatcher-

te rebels who oppose the treaty.

Mr. Major could be more confident of vicory following the decision of the Liberal Dem-cratic Party, with 20 of the 651 seats in the iouse of Commons, to back the government on he condition that it introduce a substantive notion of support for the treaty.

"It will be a substantive motion, and we shall nvite support for it on its merits," Mr. Major

Note support to it of its inertis, full religion of the Commons on Thursday.

Some political analysts said the Liberal Democratic votes should be enough to compensate for an estimated 20 to 30 dichard Conservative rebels who may vote against their own

According to officials quoted by The New York Times, Conservatives loyal to former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher are as determined to weaken and thwart Mr. Major as moderates were keen to get rid of Mrs. Thatcher 18 months ago. The moderates considered her intransigence over European union a political

But with the government's survival at stake, some of the rebels already were climbing down. "This is now actually a decision whether one supports a Labor government or party, or whether one supports the Conservative govern-ment," said David Shaw, a treaty foe who backed down Thursday.

MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris N.

Yeltsin on Thursday approved the suspen-sion of a troop withdrawal from the Baltic

states, which military officials ordered earli-

er this month because of a housing shortage.
The president's office said that Mr. Yeltsin ordered the Defense Ministry to co

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Mr. Major addressed the 1922 Committee of rank-and-file Conservative members of Parlia-ment on Thursday night to urge them to "put aside the squabbling" and bely the government shape the EC to Britain's interests. One member of Parliament, Edward Gamier, said Mr. Major's speech "steadied the wobblies and many of them will have come back into the fold."

Norman Lamont, the chancellor of the Ex-chequer, gave London's financial community chequer, gave London's financial community
no indication in a speech late Thursday when
Britain might rejoin the exchange-rate mechanism. He promised that the government, under
severe attack for its handling of the economy,
would be more accountable about its policies.

The opposition Labor Party, despite its support for the treaty, said it would vote against
the government arguing that the motion was

the government, arguing that the motion was essentially about the competence of Mr. Maior's government.

Meanwhile, Jacques Delors, president of the EC Commission in Brussels, said in effect on EC Commission in Brussels, said in effect on Thursday that Denmark could not have its cake and eat it. In June, the Danes narrowly rejected the Maastricht treaty, which must be ratified by all 12 members. Hoping to reverse that decision, the Danish government this week unveiled a compromise proposal that would allow the country to ratify the treaty, but with binding commitments to opt out of large parts of it, including a commitment to monetary and economic unice but the end of the deep de-

nomic union by the end of the decade.

Mr. Delors said Denmark could not expect
its European Community partners to rewrite the treaty for its benefit.

You cannot force any country to ratify the Maastricht treaty - and none can have such a large right of veto that it prevents others from progressing," he said. The Danish problem could be solved, be added, only by interpretive,

to Lithuanian, Latvia and Estonian officials. The agreement must "provide for social guarantees for Russian servicemen on the territory of these states," the statement said.

It said the withdrawal could resume only

Crossword

The federal police chief, Hans-Ludwig Za-

chert, recently said that there had already been

more than 100 cases involving the smuggling of radioactive products, as against 29 in 1991.

Smuggling in nuclear materials obtained on black markets or stolen in former Soviet bloc

states has spread as a result of economic decay

Serbian forces capture the Muslim stronghold of Jajce in Bosnia. Page 2.

from the former Soviet Union was confiscated

in Germany in the first half of 1992, the au-

In Washington, meanwhile, the head of the

Arms Control and Disarmament Agency said

Thursday that leakage of nuclear weapons

About 1.2 kilograms of atomic contraband

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Germans are in an uproar

over a dead woman and

her living fetus. Page 2.

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Mr. Bush waving Thursday as he left his helicopter in Dearborn, Michigan. He campaigned in the Detroit and Grand Rapids areas.



Mr. Clinton greeting supporters Thursday at the University of Toledo in Ohio. He said Mr. Bush would "say anything" to be elected.

[†]Bonn Stops a Ring Seeking **Uranium for Yugoslav War**

Kiosk

Yeltsin Backs Halt in Baltic Pullout

the winter.

Kong.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MUNICH — The police have broken up a ring suspected of trying to smuggle large amounts of uranium into the Yugoslav war zone as well as 30 tanks believed to come from former Soviet republics, investigators said

The Munich public prosecutor, Heinz Stocker, said seven Germans, eight Croats, including a Roman Catholic priest, two Austrians and a Swiss were under investigation. Seven of them had been arrested.

Mr. Stocker said documents and other evilence seized in raids on 33 residences in Gernany, Switzerland and Austria on Wednesday ndicated that highly radioactive uranium 235 and 30 tanks had been smuggled into the region or sale. Uranium 235 is the fissionable isotope hat is used in atomic bombs. However, investigators did not find any trace

f uranium 235 or tanks.

ans, Mr. Stocker said. He said the 18 were being investigated for iolating weapons export laws and for money-undering. But be said the smuggling ring may

e considerably larger. The case had nothing to do with the seizure arlier this month of two kilograms (almost a

The presence of Croats in the ring indicated hat the contraband was destined for the Bal-

know-how from former Soviet bloc countries could be a problem for years.

The agency has been investigating reports of technology or nuclear materials suddenly available to governments or groups that are not committed to nuclear nonproliferation, said Ronald F. Lehman, the head of the agency.

None of these has been substantiated thus far," he said, "but you should not get a feeling of reassurance. The number of people who have useful information creates a real danger."

"With the economic and pobtical turmoil all these republics are experiencing," he added,

Polling and the Elusive 'Likely' Voter





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Opinion polls of likely voters: preferred Presidential

Wall Street Journal Oct. 27

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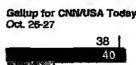
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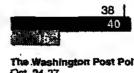
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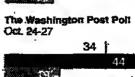
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The Los Angeles Times Poll Oct. 24-28

LOS ANGELES - The latest round of presidential pre-election

surveys has produced a flurry of seemingly contradictory findings, with Governor Bill Clinton holding anything from a 2-point to a 10-point lead. A lot of the difference may be due less to shifting voter allegiances than to the educated guesses of the polling mandarins about who is likely to vote.

It is estimated that about two-thirds of Americans are registered to vote but just about half of the public actually voted in the 1988 presidential election. The challenge is to identify those who are actually registered — and those who will really cast ballots.

Pollsters generally identify registered voters by asking a respondent if he or she is enrolled to vote. That is only an estimate, because some people tend to say that they are registered even if they are not.

Finding the elusive, smaller group of "likely" voters is tongher. It takes an additional series of questions that attempt to gauge people's interest in and knowledge of the election, their commitment to their candidate and whether they have voted in the past. Based on the answers to these inquiries, participants are graded as "likely" or "not

Pollsters often check the demographics of their "likely voter" samples against exit polling statistics from past elections, to see if they are correctly representing the different categories of people who have traditionally turned out. Some may even verify whether the people in their sample are registered.

This is not exact science. There is no industry standard for deter-See POLLS, Page 3

Clinton, Too, Cites 'Trust' As Tight Race **Grows Harsh**

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Sharper Attack on Bush Comes as Voter Surveys Show President Gaining

By Paul F. Horvitz

International Herald Tribune
WASHINGTON — With fresh polls showing an increasingly tight race, Governor Bill Clinton launched a broad personal attack Thursday on President George Bush, vowing to "slam him home" over "incredibly dishonest things he has said about my record."

Speaking to reporters in Toledo, Ohio, Mr. Clinton explicitly vowed to raise trust and character questions — the core of the Republican assault on him - against Mr. Bush in the final days before the election Tuesday.

"I think that what we ought to do is put them in play against him," Mr. Clinton said. "If you get four more years, you're going to have end-less trials and investigations about why he didn't tell the truth about being in the loop on arms-for-hostages. You're going to have end-less trials on why they kept giving money to Saddam Hussein and didn't tell the truth."

"I'll guarantee you it's going to be a two-wa

street." the Democratic nominee said of the campaign's final days.

Mr. Bush, relishing the narrowing in the polls, declared that "there's a new mood" in the electorate, and he continued his own familiar assault on Mr. Clinton's record as governor of Arkansas and fitness to sit in the White House. In a fiery speech in Warren, Michigan, the president welcomed Mr. Clinton's approach.

president welcomed Mr. Clinton's approach, shouting at a rally: "Come on in. Let's take it on, on character and trust,"

Mr. Bush also said, "My dog Millie knows more about foreign affairs than these two bozos," referring to Mr. Clinton and his running mate, Senator Al Gore.

In Southgate, Michigan, the president accused Mr. Clinton of painting a false picture of the U.S. economy "to scare the American peo-

It was the Democratic nominee, however, who moved to a tougher attack strategy after weeks of cautious campaigning oo the issues, lo its timing and tone. Mr. Clinton's message Thursday appeared to confirm that he foresees a close election, one that he might conceivably lose after weeks of double-digit leads over Mr. Bush in opinion surveys.

"The man has no core of conviction," Mr. Clinton told reporters in Tolede. "Bush is trying to cover up for his miserable record."

The American people," he added, "are go-to have to think a long time before they want four more years of this. It will be a miserable experience for them, and I don't think they're going to go through with it."

Mr. Clinton closed a rally in Detroit on Thursday with his own challenge: "Don't let 'em take it away from you. Take your country An average of five polls of "likely voters"

taken this week by news organizations showed Mr. Clinton with 42.8 percent, Mr. Bush with 35.4 percent and Ross Perot, the independent, with 17.6 percent.

Stan Greenberg, Mr. Clinton's poll-taker, acknowledged a narrower race but said Thursday that in major battleground states the Dem-ocrat was maintaining "fairly good" leads. Mr. Clinton is angry at Republican television

and radio ads that cite, among other things, "Clinton taxes" that the Democrat has never endorsed and in some cases has repudiated. A new Bush ad using film-noir techniques delivered a hleak, ominous landscape to Americans' television screens this week as a narrator describes Arkansas, where Mr. Clinton is gov-

ernor, as a high-crime, high-tax, polluted state. A vulture appears perched on a harren tree as the narrator closes by saying: "Bill Clinton wants to do for America what he has done for Arkansas. Americans can't take that risk. The ad parallels a message Mr. Bush has

vigorously delivered from the stump. Appearing on CNN Wednesday, Mr. Clinton complained repeatedly about Republican ad-

vertising, saying: "I've bad a belivful of it." "You cannot run a government when there is no truth, no facts, no nothing, no coovictions," he said.

Speaking at a rally Thursday in Toledo, Mr. Clinton harshly challenged Mr. Bush's credibility and economic record. The Democratic nominee declared that Republican assertions that he would raise taxes on the middle class

were "outright false." "He made it up," Mr. Clinton said. "It's not true. Why would he do that? Because there is nothing new to offer in this presidency."

The governor said the Bush administration had set "very low standards for our economy,

for our leaders and for themselves."
Mr. Clinton told reporters that he was running against "a president who will say anything to be elected and a billionaire who'll spend anything to be elected." Mr. Clinton took issue on CNN with Mr.

See CAMPAIGN, Page 3

Drought and Dust: Africa's Burden a Boon to Others By Marlise Simons New York Times Service ETOSHA. Namibia — Hot and potent, the October winds shoop the thin topsoil off the African savanna and the Street of northern Namibia and desert of northern Namibia and desert of northern Namibia and desert of northern Namibia are located as a support of scientists from the Handard Street of northern Namibia.

stretch thousands of miles. Scientists tracking the dust say it bears a message as harsh as the law of the jungle: The severe and lethal droughts of Africa are a boon for life in the Atlantic Ocean and for soil and

Sectation in the Americas. Tons of dust fall into the ocean, and scientists have recently discovered that it provides vital minerals to plankton and krill at the beginning of the food chain.

Researchers are also beginning to understand the significance of African dust moving to Florida, the Caribbean Islands and South America.

And new studies have shown that deep in the heart of the Amazon rain forest, tons of dust blowing in from Africa act as a kind of vitamin supplement to nutrient-poor soils.

cover much of the South Atlantic region. The six-week expedition is taking place during the worst

southern African drought of this century, one that is badly uring people, animals and land across nine countries. This year alone, members of the team say, millions of tons of topsoil have been lost, a process that accelerates as dry spells

Satellites have recorded unusually thick dust plumes leaving Africa in the last six months, while monitoring stations on land have registered their arrival in the America Scientists are just beginning to understand the implications

of this ancient process, which ebbs and flows with rainfall and

Although it has long been known that winds can blow very fine particles of dust from deserts like the Sahara bundreds of miles away, only in recent years have researchers had the sophisticated tools, ranging from satellites to nuclear physics,

"This African dust feeding the Atlantic and the Americas shows how very large and distant ecosystems depend on each other," said Dr. Michael Garstang of the University of Virginia, who is collecting soil specimens here to be compared with samples being gathered in Brazil and the mid-Atlantic. "The message is that our planet consists of many interconnected and interdependent systems which we barely understand. We're just beginning to scratch the surface."

Those systems are ruled by powerful forces of nature that lie beyond the influence of man, he said, adding, "But if we want to know how man is affecting the planet, we first have to know how these systems work."

Researchers are also studying how the dust highways affect See DUST, Page 6

The Vindication of Alger Hiss? Russian Archives Yield No Evidence of Spying

By David Margolick New York Tones Service

NEW YORK - In the latest chapter of a case that catapulted Richard Nixon to national prominence and has divided Americans for more than 40 years, a high-ranking Russian official says a review of newly opened archives clears Alger Hiss of accusations that he ever spied for the Soviet Union.

"Not a single document — and a great amount of materials have been studied substantiates the allegation that Mr. A. Hiss collaborated with the intelligence services of the Soviet Union," the official, General Dmitri A. Volkogonov, chairman of the Russian government's military intelligence archives, declared. He called the espionage

accusations against Mr. Hiss "completely groundless."

Students of Soviet affairs said they were struck by the categorical, almost passionate nature of the Russian official's statement. As a respected historian and key adviser to President Boris N. Yeltsin, they said, Gener-

al Volkogonov's views should be taken seri-They cautioned, however, that given the labyrinthine nature of the Soviet bureaucracy and the sensitivity of military and foreign intelligence operations, he may have over-

"I don't doubt that he's given an honest report on what he saw, but there are a lot of See HISS, Page 6 .

By Marc Fisher Washington Post Service

BERLIN - Marion Ploch died three weeks ago in a car crash. She was 18 years old and 12 weeks

Her baby is due in March. Miss Ploch's brain-dead corpse lies in the inten-

sive care ward of the University Clinic at Erlangen ta southern Germany. Three times a day, nurses wash the body. Every hour, they remove mucus from her throat. The machines that keep her heart and lungs going whir and burn. Tubes deliver fat, egg white, carbohydrates and vitamins.

In the background, a tape recorder plays Mozart's G Minor Symphony, the soothing sounds meant to replace a mother's laughs, cries and murmurs. When the unmarried Miss Ploch died, she took with her the identity of the father. That left the

decision about the fetus - still developing normally - to the hospital's ethics committee of doctors and They looked at German law, which prohibits any "abusive mischief" against the dead. The ethics panel saw no problem. They considered medical

ethics, and decided they had an ohligation to save the life of the fetus.

"Is it reconcilable with the reverence we owe the dead mother to use her body for months as a 'oiologi-

Ex-Soviet States

And a Warning

By T. R. Reid
Washington Post Service
TOKYO — Developed nations

promised Thursday to send a new wave of aid to belp the former Sovi-

et republics survive the winter, but

they warned that the West could

not continue to help unless the new states hastened their switch to mar-

et economies and democratic gov-

Addressing leaders from 12 for-

mer Soviet republics and some 60

donor nations gathered here for the

Tokyo Conference on Assistance to

the New Independent States, the U.S. acting secretary of state. Law-rence S. Eagleburger, said, "We cannot aid those who are unwilling

"Reform must be accelerated."

he said. "The new states must pro-

mote competition, tax reform, gen-

uine property and contract rights.

They must stay the democratic

But to help the former republics make it through the winter, Mr.

Eagleburger announced new U.S.

grants of \$274 million worth of food and medical assistance, plus

other loans and assistance pro-

The Japanese, in turn, an-

nounced that they would provide

\$100 million in new aid for the

winter, mainly in the form of medi-

The pledges came on the first

day of the Tokyo conference, which

is the third international gathering under the so-called Washington

process. That phrase refers to the

international aid coordination

mechanism proposed by former

Secretary of State James A. Baker

3d last year and inaugurated at a

Washington conference on aid m

Despite the new pledges, dele-

gates from around the globe echoed Mr. Eagleburger's warning that the

donor nations would not wait for-

ever for real change in the former

making a success of reform rests

with the peoples and governments directly concerned," said Jean-Louis Cadieux, the chief European

Community representative here.

"There can be no ambiguity about

property rights, privatization, mar-

ket pricing. Above all, there can be

no ambiguity about the rule of law.

democracy, and the protection of human rights."

In addition to emergency aid for the winter and cautionary warnings to the newly independent states.

the delegates here are expected to approve a clear shift in the organization of international aid to the former republics. The idea is to de-

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Receive New Aid,

of their own, the leaders of the Group of Seven industrialized nations are working hard to convince

the rest of the world to help the new

Since this week's conference

marks the first time an aid meeting

has been held in Asia, the Japanese

organizers of the event made it a

pnority to recruit other Asian nations to the cause. Among the na-

tions taking part in the aid effort

for the first time here are China,

Mongolia, India. Pakistan, Micro-

nesia. Iran, and South Africa. The

Asian Development Bank is also The nations and nongovernmental organizations gathered bere

heard a report on prospects for the

coming winter in the former Soviet

Union, hased on a study this sum-

mer by a team from Canada, the

That study concluded that grain

production this year will be about

10 percent higher than it was last

year, both in Russia and in the

other former Soviet states. But grain supplies will still fall well be-low the average for the last five

years before the breakup of the

Livestock production, on the other hand, is expected to fall again, as it has for the past three

The study also found a "growing

"I don't think there's any ques-

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tion that the Russian government

tough period," Mr. Englehurger said in an interview with CNN.

"And one of the reasons we're at

this conference is to try to generate

substantial assistance for them

over the winter. But f think we'll

In his speech here and in com-

ments during a round of head-to-

bead meetings with his counter-

parts from around the world. Mr.

Eaglehurger went out of his way to

praise Japan for being host to the

conference and providing aid to the

Japan is probably better suited

economically to help the newly in-

dependent states than is any other

developed nation, but Tokyo has

been reluctant to dive deeply into

the process because of its continu-

over the Kuril Islands.

make it, and I think they'll make said.

Soviet Union.

medical supplies.

United States, Japan and Europe.

Scheele, the surgeon handling the case. "To come into this world, we all had to use our mothers' bodies inconsiderately, and our mothers at least accepted

Dr. Scheele's justifications have become the stuff of theological dehate ("A perversion of the protecuon of life," said a medical pastori, political positioning (time for a law against postnumous motherhood, one legislator said), flash poils 146 percent of men and 57 percent of women favor "dignified death" for the fetus, the Forsa Institute said), and tabloid thrills ("Let the Baby Die!" secuted one German paper).

The Ploch case has become a media circus. With the question "Treatment or Mad Experiment." a sensational daily reported the findings of the dead woman's best friend, who managed to get into the intensive care ward.

"She lay there stiff, breathing tube in her mouth," the friend said. "Lots more tubes. Her eyes were closed. There was peeping and buzzing, I cried."

A TV station tried to buy an ultrascume image of the fetus, sending battalions of lawyers to their bookshelves. The result was a lawyer's letter stating that "the unborn obviously have a right to control

their own image. Feminists, church leaders and politicians of various stripes find themselves aligned against lawyers and doctors who insist they are acting in the interests of the fetus, not out of a desire to break new scientific ground.

The Roman Catholic Church found itself in the unusual position of arguing for the death of an

A Catholic theologian, Johannes Grundel of Mu-nich, said, "To let nature take its course is altogether different from a deliberate abortion."

In a handfui of cases in the United States, Britain and Germany, babies have been brought to term in the dead bodies of their mothers. Some of the babies lived, some died. But never before have doctors attempted to coax life from a body that died so early in pregnancy.

The chances for survival are about 50-50, Dr. Scheele said. In the most similar case, in Champlain, Vermont, in 1988, Conally Hilliker was born in the seventh month of his dead mother's pregnancy. Connie Hilliker died in a car crash when she was 15 weeks pregnant. Her son was born with diabetes, pneumonia and heart problems, but today, at age 4, is healthy and happy, his father told German reporters. The boy lives with his father, stepmother and

two photos of the mother be never saw. That a healthy birth is possible is uncontestable.

Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, center, following his opening address at the the conference on aid to the former Soviet republics.

ov the Communist Party and who increasingly

Most recently, the Supreme Soviet, or parlia-ment, spurned Mr. Yeltsin's efforts to postpone their next meeting until spring and agreed in-

1. A number of anti-Yeltsin members have

suggested that the more conservative Congress

would try to dramatically reduce the president's

presidential structures will risk and attempt a

government coup," said Ilya Konstantinov, the

Although some of Mr. Yeltsin's supporters

apparently want the president to dissolve the

parliament and abolish the similarly minded

heads of Russian television on Thursday that he might delay the opening of the session from

Dec. I in defiance of the parliament. But he said

it was only the question of timing on the next

parliamentary session that was "not yet decid-

on Friday in Argumenti i Facti weekly maga-

zine, Mr. Yeltsin said: "God knows, I have

made many steps to accommodate the Supreme

But be said the body had become conserva-

In another interview, scheduled for release

ongress immediately, Mr. Yeltsin told the

We do not rule out that the madmen in the

powers and roll back most of his changes.

Banned Front Vows to Remove Yeltsin

oppose his way of operating.

other co-chairman of the Front

But the potential psychic damage for the child is the subject of heated debate.

"These children develop totally normally, as long as they receive proper care after birth," a perinatologist, Erich Saling, insisted to Der Spiegel magazine. The Ploch baby is to be entrusted to the parents of the deceased mother. Gabriele and Hans Ploch at first wanted the machines turned off, but after the ethics committee recommended keeping the fems alive they changed their minds.

"We will do everything we can to see that when our baby is born, it gets all the love it can," says Gabriele Ploch, 34.

The grandparents accepted the ethics committee's decision after Dr. Scheele assured them that the hospital bill, which could hit \$70,000, would be paid by the government.

Ground down by a media onslaught, the Erlangen physicians have broken off contact with reporters and blocked access to the Ploch family. But Dr. Scheele, anguished by the public reaction, published a long defense of his position in a newspaper.

"That this child will be born an orphan cannot play any role in the judgment," he wrote. "The unusual pregnancy does not make him an orphan; he is one already. Finally, we must consider the stigma of being born from a corpse. But the other alterna-tive is intrauterine death."

WORLD BRIEFS

Part of Irish Abortion Ban Voided

STRASBOURG, France (AP) — The European Court of Human Rights on Thursday voided an Irish court ban on providing information to Irish women seeking to have abortions abroad.

The court did not rule on Ireland's constitutional ban on abortion. But it said preventing Irish women from getting information on where to get abortions abroad, notably Britain, violated the European Convention of

The 15-to-8 ruling came five weeks before a referendum in Ireland on that and other abortion-related issues. The court's rulings are binding on the 26 nations that are members of the Council of Europe.

Support for Miyazawa Is Plummeting

TOKYO (Reuters) - Public support for the scandal-battered Prime Minister Küchi Miyazawa has plummeted, with the latest newspaper poll Thursday showing that two in three voters disapprove of his government.

A survey carried out by the daily Yomiuri Shimbun found just 23.1 percent of respondents thought that the Miyazawa cabinet was doing a good job, down from 33.6 percent last month.

The proportion of those who disapprove soured to 65.6 percent, from 50.8 percent in September, It was a birthday slap-in-the face for the government. Mr. Miyazawa took office a year ago this week. Yomiuri attributed the cabiner's unpopularity chiefly to the Sagawa Kyubin money-and-mobsters scandal that has riven the upper councils of the governing Liberal Democratic Party.

Libya 'Provoked' by French Warship

TRIPOLI, Libya (AFP) - Libya on Thursday described as "provocation" the failed visit bere by a French investigative judge aboard a

warship.

Judge Jean-Louis Bruguière, investigating a bomb attack on a French UTA DC-10 airliner that killed 170 people over Niger in 1989, was trying to meet the Libyan prosecutor dealing with the case. But Libyan officials refused to allow him to disembark in Tripoli from a navy ship, prompting a protest from the French government. The Libyan Foreign Ministry said Thursday that Mr. Brugnière's arrival "in this provocative fashion was a plot by those who wanted to make his mission fail."

Libya denied a statement by the French foreign minister, Roland Dumas, that it had been informed in advance of the nature of the ship, saying it had not known it would be bristling with missiles and gums. But the Foreign Ministry added that Mr. Brugnière was "still welcome" and would be "offered help in ensuring that his mission was a success."

Red Tape Clogs N.Y. Public Toilets

NEW YORK (AP) - The city's public toilet experiment is going down the drain for at least 18 months, drowned in red tape despite its instant success in persuading New Yorkers to stop using the great outdoors for relie

More than 40,000 people tested the half-dozen toilets during their four-month trial run, but Friday is the last day the sites will be in operation, said Deputy Mayor Barbara Fife.

The city needs a waiver from the state legislature, which is idle until January. And it has to take in bids from possible contractors. There is also a lengthy public site selection process, and the city art commission must approve the design. If all systems are go on the pay toilets, they could return in the spring — of 1994, Mrs. Fife said.

U.S. Approves Birth Control Drug

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration on Thursday approved Depo Provera for use as a contraceptive that would prevent pregnancy for three months after its injection.

But the agency pointed out that the drug had a number of possible side effects, including weight gain and menstrual irregularities. It can also make women tired, weak, dizzy and nervous and cause headaches and abdominal pain. The drug inhibits the production of the hormone

gonadotropm, prevening ovulation.

Since the late 1960s, the drug's use as a contraceptive in the United States has bounced back and forth between approval and a ban, based largely on animal studies that suggested a link to cancers of the cervix, liver and breast. More recent studies, though, have indicated that the link may not be as strong as previously believed.

Semtex Cache Brings Briton's Arrest

LONDON (Renters) - The police charged a London man on Thursday with conspiring to cause an explosion after the seizure of a huge haul of explosives. Detectives found some 77 pounds of the plastic explosive

Semtex, according to British news reports.

The find Wednesday was one of the biggest discoveries of the Czechoslovak-made plastic explosive on the British mainland. Anti-terrorist conspiring to cause an explosion. Two people were still being questioned 24 hours after a series of raids in East London.

The cache, which included detonators and timers, was found in a crate that had been left with a shopkeeper, who alerted the authorities after becoming suspicious, newspapers said.

TRAVEL UPDATE

European charter operators have canceled 38 flights to Egypt following the Oct. 18 earthquake and recent Muslim fundamentalist attacks on

tourists, Egypt's tourism minister disclosed in Cairo. (AFP)
Trade unions have called off a planned two-day strike at the Belgian airline Sabena, Belgian radio said in Brussels. The unions had called the strike following the surprise layoffs of 250 employees on Monday. But the unions and Sabena agreed Wednesday night to put the dispute on hold for about two weeks, and the airline said that dismissed employees could appeal the decision.

Russian air controllers decided Thursday to start an unlimited strike on Friday morning, the Federation of Traffic Controllers quoted by the Itar-Tass news agency announced. Russia's 8,000 controllers first went on strike on Ang. 16, only to put a stop to the movement a few hours later for fear of a causing serious air crash.

United Airlines plans to begin the first daily nonstop flights by a U.S.

flag carrier between Los Angeles and Hong Kong on April 4, 1993. The new service will use Bocing 747-400 jumbo jets and will complement United's current Bocing 747-400 nonstop route to Hong Kong from San

Muslim Stronghold Falls Under Serbian Assault

emphasize the "Washington process" and turn the job over to the SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovi- nik. World Bank and other internationna - Serbian forces reportedly al institutions that have assisted captured the key Musiim strongdevelopment in other parts of the hold of Jaice on Thursday, and the president of Croatia urged Mus-Another goal of this two-day sesms to bow to the division of the sion is to expand global participa-tion in the joint effort to assist the Bosnian republic along ethnic

former Soviet republics in their movement toward capitalist de-With virtually all the developed meters (100 miles) north of the Bosian capital, Sarajevo. The news was also confirmed by

"Jajce is burning." Bosnian tele-

Croatian soldiers belging the Muslims who escaped on foot and radio appeared to dash Muslim

By David Binder

reached the nearby town of Trav-

By Eleanor Randolph

Wasnington Part Service

group defied a pan by President Boris N. Yelt-

sin on Thursday and said that their fight to

ler Prokhanov, co-chairman of the

remove Mr. Yeltsin and his reformers had

National Salvation Front said at a press con-

ference on Thursday that his hard-line group

would rouse the Russian citizenry to "go to the

factories, the garrisons, the streets to protect

"Rise in defense of the Russian state," he

The National Salvation Front, formed over

the weekend at a raily of former Communist

hard-liners, was banned by Mr. Yeltsin on

Wednesday. The Russian president said its mis-

sion to overthrow his government was "uncon-

sustational." A spekesman for Mr. Yeltsin reaf-

firmed the president's plan to keep the Front

"A decree 15 a decree." he said. "It will be

The confrontation, which has given the rela-

rively small number of members of the Front a

sudden surge of media attention, is part of a

growing conflict between Mr. Yeltsin and the

conservative parlament, Mr. Yeitsin, who won

the law, the constitution, your rights."

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ing territorial dispute with Russia overwhelmingly in elections last year, is in-

MOSCOW - Leaders of an ultranationalist

The Creatian troops said combined Muslim and Croatian resistance to the Serbs over pearly seven months crumpled because of mutu-

The Serbs, who wanted Jajoe to cut a path through Boszia to the Serb-occupied Krajina region in vision said, announcing the fall of Croatia, gradually tightened their the mainly Muslim town 160 kilo-grip on the 10,000 residents of the town and even resorted to air raids

in August and September.
Comments by President Franjo
Tudjiman of Croatia en Croatian

hopes of support in their opposition to the ethnic partitioning of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Soviet.

"I think it is the last chance for Muslim politicians to give up the idea of Bosma-Herzegovina as a civil state and agree on Bosnia-Herzegovina based on the principle of three constituent units." be said.

Only Muslims accept a proposal by international mediators to preserve Bosnia-Herzegovina as a decentralized country divided along economic and geographic, but not The plan provides for a central

government controlling the armed

forces and foreign affairs and from seven to 10 autonomous regions where ethnic majorities would be mevitable but which could not use ethnic ritles

Russian parliament and Congress, who were elected under the old Soviet system dominated of the Communist Party and who increasingly radical reforms."

In Geneva, a conference spokesman on Thursday rejected suggestions that the plan was already dead because of negative Serbian

and Crossian reaction.

Meanwhile, the chief international mediators, David Owen of the European Community, and Cyrus R. Vance, the UN special envoy, negotiated the reopening of

ethnic Albanian schools in Serbia's

shed could spread to Kosovo be-cause of rising tensions between majority Albanians and Serbs in

In the interview, which was carried in ad-

vance by the Itar-Tass news agency. Mr. Yeltsin

toward those who plot his overthrow, a clear

hin, a Yeltsin supporter, told the Japanese news

agency Kyodo that Mr. Yeltsin may call a

referendum allowing the public to decide whether to get rid of the Congress and dissolve

parliament. Mr. Yeltsin's government has

drafted a new Russian constitution that drops the Congress and calls for immediate elections

of the parliament, a change that the present

Mr. Yeltsin this week also moved to disband

the guards controlled by the parliament's speaker, Ruslan I. Khasbulatov, after they had

surrounded Izvestia newspaper, which has strongly supported Mr. Yeltsin's reforms and

has denounced the parliament and Mr. Khas-

bulatov. The parliament, despite Mr. Yelisin's objections, voted recently to control the news-

paper's printing facilities to maintain control

Izvestia, once the house-organ for the Soviet leadership, declared its independence from the

government after the unsuccessful coup in Au-

parliament opposes.

Deputy Prime Minister Alexander N. Shok-

also warned that he would "act more harshly"

After meeting with Serbian and Albanian communities in Kosovo's capital, Pristina, Mr. Vance and Lord Owen said that Albanian elementary schools would reopen by Nov. 9 after a two-year histos.

Albanian curriculum was banned after Serbia stripped Kosovo of its autonomy two years ago, citing Albanian separatist moves.

(Reuters, AP)

Revamped Police Slow Albanian Slide Into Chaos

Pacific Western University New York Times Service 600 % Septimeda Eind (Pep) 73 -Los Angeles (CA 90049) WASHINGTON - Albania, racked by violent public disorders both before and after democratic AMERICAN ELECTION elections in March, appears to have halted what was widely perceived NIGHT PARTY IN PARIS IDINTLY ORGANIZED By Democrats Abroad

U.S. dipiomats said. Although bands of robbers still roam the countryside, the recently reorganized police forces have robbed catizens and foreigners m managed to isolate them, using ve- Tirana, the capital, and other cities, hicles and communications equip-ment acquired from Italy, said man police were reorganized, and

Bashkim Kepiku, the minister of searly one-third of the 2,600 offi- and will begin investigating crimes interior, who is visiting the United cers who had served the former on the spot instead of leaving that "Public order is not guite good,"

he said, "but it is better. Last winter, a wave of locting halted what was widely perceived swept Albania as hungry villagers as a gradual descent into anarchy, a sought to augment their meager senior official from Tirana and food supplies. Warehouses were plundered in Kavain, Durres, Po-grader, Librazhd, Copan, Lushing, Then and later, armed gangs

Havry's New York Bar

Harry's Straw Vote

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Through the summer, the Alba-

purged, Mr. Kopliku said. In the battle against crime, dracomian measures were sometimes taken. In June, when two brothers were apprehended after they

robbed a family of five of the equivalent of \$50 and bludgeoued them to death, they were publicly hanged in Tirana. Mr. Kopliku, who is also a depu-

ly prime minister, said that under a new law the police can now frisk people on the street for weapons

Communist government were task to special commissions, as was the Communist practice. The economy of Europe's poor-

est country remains in bad straits. Mr. Koplikn said, with many industrial plants working at only 5 percent of capacity and unemployment widespread. But agriculture has picked up as a result of privatization of 90 percent of property that had been collective during 46 years of Communist rule, according to Mr. Kopliku and to a State Department official

Spassky Wins 26th Game. Trailing Fischer by 9-5

won the 26th game of his \$5 million an inextricable situation. chess match against Bobby Fischer Mr. Fischer resigned on the 58th on Thursday, Mr. Fischer leads 9-5 move. Bons played very well," he and needs just one more victory for conceded afterward. The next the \$3.5 million victor's check.

Reaters Mr. Spassky, playing white.
BELGRADE — Boris Spassky slowly squeezed Mr. Fischer into

game is to take place on Saturday.

At the Border. **EC Bigwigs Get** A Big Headache

BRUSSELS - Just two months before the European Community tears down its internal borders Jacques Delors, head of the EC Commission and an architect of the plan, has found that red tape still rules at the frontiers.

A plane carrying Mr. Delors. other members of the commission and diplomats from the French city of Strasbourg to Brussels on Tuesday night was diverted to Charleroi airport in southern Belgium. There immigration officials delayed the 60 members of the group for 45 minutes while they checked ail passports by hand. The usual procodure is for these officials to be

waved through,
"It was a ridiculous and brutal application of the law." a Commission source said. Tempers, he added, became quite frayed.

Bonn Reacts Angrily To Rights Critique

BONN — Germany dismissed a report on Thursday by the New York-based human rights group Helsinki Watch that Bonn has

York-based human rights group reasonal watch that Boam has failed to give "clear and unwavering support for the protection of foreigners" threatened by rightist extremists.

The group had accused Boam of appearing to be caving in to rightist demands for a "foreigner-free" Germany. The Helsinki Watch has no idea of the actual circumstances."

said the government spokesman, Dieter Vogel, "and we don't need any lessons from Helsinki Watch." He would not comment any further on the report, which was

released on Thursday.

Helsinki Watch said the government was largely to blame for attacks against asylum seekers since the unification of Germany in 1990. The group said the government "disregarded warnings that East Germany was too burdened by its own problems to take on responsibility for asylum seekers and assigned asylum seekers to the East long before the necessary infrastructure had been created."

In another development Thursday, the justice minister urged Germans to turn out en masse for a protest in Berlin on Nov. 8 "Civil courage is what's needed most at this hour," said Sahine

Leutheusser-Schmarrenberger. "All citizens of our country are urged to commit themselves on Nov. 8 in Berlin against hate and violence and to more understanding and tolerance in our community," she

President Richard von Weizsäcker, Chancellor Helmut Kohl other politicians and business leaders are expected to attend the demonstration. The premier of Bavaria. Max Streibl, however, has hurt plans for a show of political unity by declining to join the rally. The justice minister promised that those who give the so-called Hitler salute in public would be punished. She said she was also investigating whether slightly altered Nazi signs, uniforms and salutes could be punished "when they give the impression of Nazi

Young rightist extremists have begun giving the traditional straight-armed fascist salute with the last two fingers bent under, instead of the flat hand thrust in the air, to technically circumvent German law that makes it a crime to advocate Nazism and use its

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(Renters, AP)

AMPAIGN '92

erot Wins the Spending Race, Hands Down

WASHINGTON - Ross Perot has spent \$36.7 million of his own ioney on ms president George Bush or Governor Bui Canton are than President George Bush or Governor Bui Canton are love than President George Bush or Governor Bui Canton are love than President George Bush or Governor Bui Canton are love than President George Bush or Governor Bui Canton are love to the love than President George Bush or Governor Bui Canton are love to the love than President George Bush or Governor Bui Canton are love to the love than President George Bush or Governor Buil Canton are love to the love than President George Bush or Governor Buil Canton are love than President George Bush or Governor Buil Canton are love than President George Bush or Governor Buil Canton are love than President George Bush or Governor Buil Canton are love than President George Bush or Governor Buil Canton are love to the love than President George Bush or Governor Buil Canton are love to the love than President George Bush or Governor Buil Canton are love to the love

Documents that Mr. Perot's campaign filed with the Federal Jection Commission show that the Texas billionaire parted with 10.7 million for his campaign between Oct. 15 and Oct. 26.
That brings to \$36.7 million the amount Mr. Perot has spent since sentering the race Oct. 1. Most of the money has gone to a national description between the politics and rivaling even some of the

dvertising the face Oct. I. Most of the money has gone to a national dvertising blitz timseen in politics and rivaling even some of the lost aggressive corporate ad campaigns.

Mr. Bush and Mr. Clinton are limited to spending the \$55.2

vii. Bush and wir. Chinion are indiced to spending the 2002 nillion each received from taxpayers for the fall campaign. Their arties also can spend about \$10 million on their behalf.

In all, Mr. Perot has spent \$58.7 million, all but \$1.3 million of it us own, since first flirting with an independent bid in February. Mr. 'erot has no spending limit because he is paying his own way. (AP) Perot has no spending man of the way James A. Baker 3d

vanted his career as a statesman to end.

Only 10 weeks ago he was dealing with presidents and foreign ninisters, mediating between Israelis and Arabs, a serious candidate or the Nobel Peace Prize. On Sunday, he was sitting uncomfortably on a steel folding chair on a hillside in Billings, Montana, listening to voters ask President

3ush about elementary schools and gun control.

A plucky Montanan approached Mr. Baker and tried to start a conversation, but the icy White House chief of staff, notoriously averse in pressing the flesh, retreated toward his command post in n

: learby motor home.

Too bad, for a few minutes later Mr. Bush sought in praise Mr. Baker, his best friend and comrade-in-arms, for his part in winning he Cold War

"I don't know whether he's standing around modestly in the ackground," the president said, his eyes darting around the grassy packground," the president said, his eyes darung around the grace, but our secretary of state, now with me in the White House, fim Baker... Where is he?"

This presidential campaign has been made that the most powerful secretary of state in n generation, be has been the most powerful secretary of state in n generation, be has been the most powerful secretary of all the uncontrollareduced in n mere campaign chief at the mercy of all the uncontrollable elements an election year can offer, from a volatile, vengeful electorate to a moody candidate and n fratricidal party.

(LAT)

When Going Gets Tough, Tough Spend More

WASHINGTON — Congressional campaign spending has risen to record levels this year as far more lawmakers than usual face tough fights to hold on to their seats, records show.

In past years incumbency has almost guaranteed re-election for House members. But in 1992, voter hostility toward Washington has made incumbency a stumbling block even though officeholders still carry an advantage in raising funds.

The average House incumbent spent \$292,949 in the 21 months

ending Sept. 30, up 27 percent from the same period two years earlier. The average for Senate incumbents, which is not comparable to 1929-1990 spending because different states are involved, is \$2.3

in Odd Political Season, Odds Have Changed

NEW YORK - There are polls, And then there is Ladbrokes. The London betting house, which calls itself the largest bookmak-- er in the world, has changed the odds on the presidential race. Those on the president have been cut from 3-to-1 to 5-to-2, while those on :Mr. Clinton have gone from 1-to-6 to 1-to-4. Mr. Perot remains at : :. 20-to-1.

State in his principal 1980's Independent Supports Democrat

WASHINGTON — John Anderson, whose independent candida-y was the wild card in the 1980 presidential race, urged independent oters to support the Democratic candidate, Bill Clinton:

In Denver, where he was appearing with Mr. Clinton's running mate, Senator Al Gore, Mr. Anderson said he soured on Ross Perot when he dropped out of the race last summer. Mr. Anderson said M Perot was "temperamentally unsuited" for the White House. (WP)

Quote-Unquote

Bill Baier, a voter from Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the candidates: "The media tears them all down, so nobody looks good. So you don't really vote for anyone. All you're left with is: Who will do

Away From the Hustings

 Taking the prescription antihistamine Hismanal with several other drugs can cause dangerous heart-rhythm problems, the Food and - Drug Administration said. The company that manufactures Hismanal has agreed to send letters to doctors cautioning them about the risk in patients who use the antihistamine with the anti-fungal drugs ketoconazole or itraconazole or the antibiotic erythromycin.

As much as \$1 billion will be invested in riot-damaged areas of Los Angeles by U.S., European and Japanese companies in the next several years, according to Peter V. Ueberroth, chairman of the group overseeing the city's redevelopment. He said that as many as 500 companies would be involved.

Astronauts aboard the shuttle Columbia placed materials outside he spacecraft to see how well they might hold up as part of a satellite r space station. More than 350 samples were mounted on the huttle's 50-foot robot arm and extended from the payload bay.

A lawsuit to force the Pentagon to release 4,800 photographs of the emains of American servicemen unaccounted for in the Vietnam Nar has been filed by the daughter of a missing soldier. Pentagon afficials have said the photos, which have been received from North

State and local governments will have to continue to reduce pending and curtail services because of rising health care costs and evenue shortfalls resulting from the sluggish economy, according to and curtail services because of rising health carevenne shortfalls resulting from the sluggish economy, the continual associations of state officials.

Children from middle class families

Children from middle-class families are as likely as poor children to affer losses in intelligence after exposure to low levels of lead early nlife, according to a new study. The study appears to answer critics who have suggested that research on the exposure of poor children to ead might have failed to take into account other factors that could

A disputed drug that proponents say relieves some AIDS sympoms will undergo clinical trials, federal health officials said. Gov rament scientists said they have agreed to work with several groups a designing trials in test the safety and effectiveness of using low loses of alpha interferon as a therapy for people infected with the

AP. WP. NYT. UPI, LAT

In Attack Mode, Bush Puts the Focus Squarely on Trust

By Andrew Rosenthal

Republican attack on Governor Bill Clinton's character is working. President George Bush, reinvigorated, is campaigning on a single theme: trust.

Waving his arms in triumph at new public opinion polls and triumpeting the recent signs of economic growth, Mr. Bush has been working through a crescendo of rallies that end with a blizzard of red, white and Gallup Or blue confetti and balloons.

Growing more boisterous with each event, the president cheerfully revised his epithet for Senator Al Gore, the Democrarie vice presidential nominee, from "Ozone Man" to a simple "Ozone," a reference to the senator's defense of the environment.

As his attack on Mr. Clinton mounted and the crowd bere shouted louder and louder for him in "give 'em hell," Mr. Bush flashed his off-center grin and told them to be patient because "I haven't nttacked the

By Andrew Rosenthal

New York Times Service

COLUMBUS. Ohio — Buoyed by a belief that the Could not seem in form the words. Trying to say he could not seem in form the words. Trying to say he could not seem in form the words. Trying to say he could not seem in form the words. Trying to say he could not seem in form the words. Trying to say he could not seem in form the words. Trying to say he could not seem in form the words. Trying to say he could not seem in form the words. Trying to say he could not seem in form the words. Trying to say he could not seem in form the words. Trying to say he could not seem in form the words. Trying to say he could not seem in form the words. would do his "level best to lead this country to new heights." Mr. Bush ended up proclaiming something like "new husskites." Undaunted, he waved and left

Much of Mr. Bush's exuberance seemed to spring from two new tracking polls, including one hy the Gallup Organization that suggested the race was tightening dramatically.

But the real situation remained unsettled, as the other showed no real change in the contest between Mr. Bush and Mr. Clinton. A tracking poll involves asked voters whom they trusted in run the military, to daily interviewing over an extended period of time with new results combined and released two days at a nation's morals. At one point, the actor Bruce Willis,

Along the trail, Mr. Bush mentioned a bost of opponents besides Clinton: Jimmy Carter, the "talk-ing heads" in Washington, prison inmates in Arkan-

term for members of Congress.

But Mr. Bush, whose strategy has been for months to try to get within a few points of Mr. Clinton and then close the gap by arguing that he is the more trustworthy candidate, saved his strongest lire for Mr. Clinton's draft record and his assertion that the Democratic nominee is trying to "be all things to all

In Ohio, a state where he is behind but must win, Mr. Bush stood at every stop in front of a sign proclaiming that the particular city "trusts Bush." He who introduced the president at two stops, even said Mr. Bush would make a more trustworthy baby sitter.

While the president campaigned, his staff began running two new commercials driving home the cho-

sen theme for the final days. The spots showed people on the streets of Cincinnati questioning Mr. Clinton's honesty. One said, "I think he's full of hot air." Another said: "He dodged the draft. He can't be straight on anything."

In case the point was still unclear, Mr. Bush spelled it out explicitly to a crowd of 10,000 in Strongsville, near Cleveland. "I tell you what's going to decide this election," he said. "It's going to be character and

Campaign aides acknowledged that Mr. Busb was still struggling on the electoral map. The Bush camp is ceding important states, like California. New York and Illinois, to Mr. Clinton and is building a strategy based on regaining enough Republican strength to hold Texas, Florida and the rest of the South, and come from behind in states like Ohio, Michigan, Missouri and Wisconsin.

Mr. Bush's travel schedule for the coming days reflects that: Michigan and Missouri, then Wisconsin

didn't want to take part in what he

thought were the phony exercises

of politics, like giving speeches.

• Mr. Perot has asserted on nu-

merous occasions that he is "the

servant" of his campaign volun-

teers and that he wall follow their will. But he quit three months ago without consulting them, and re-jected their pleas at the time that he reconsider. Only after he had de-

cided to return to the race did he

volunteers to determine whether they wanted him back in the race.

To nobody's surprise, they said

Although he has presented his

campaign as a grass-roots effort, representing "the little people like me," Mr. Perot has relied on televi-

sion advertising more than any oth-

er candidate in history - spending

\$24 million in the first two weeks of

October and millions more since

then. He has had little contact with

his volunteers and, until Sunday.

· Mr. Perot has said repeatedly

that he will not "sound bite" his

campaign, yet during the three

presidential debates he made tittle

effort to explain his positions and

proved adopt at expressing himself in short, snappy hursts of words and quotable metaphors. The contradictions in his state-

ments that have emerged in recent

months have reopened controver-

sies from last spring over his truth-

fulness in describing events from

"these guys with their alligator shoes," and asserted that only he

among the candidates was not in-

volved in the Washington power

and influence game. Yet since the

1980s be and his companies have

given hundreds of thousands of dollars to presidential and congres-

sional campaigns, and parlayed the

gifts into access to lobby for his

June: "In my lifetime, I've hired

investigators only three or four

times at a maximum." But husiness

associates say Mr. Perot has used

investigators on countless assign-

dig up dirt on business rivals or

volunteers, who now charge that

his friends, say he sometimes has a .

problem arriving at the truth and

that the tendency is most pro-

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The very best

Mr. Perot violated a federal law

limiting access to credit records. Mr. Perot's critics, and some of

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• He said in an interview in

commercial interests.

• He denounced lobbyists as

declined to make any public

pearances.

his past:

Perot Is Beginning to Get Tangled in Some Contradictions



Ross Perot acknowledging the greetings of a crowd of more than 5,000 supporters as he made a campaign appearance in Denver.

Surge for Texan May Have Hit Its Limit

By Dan Balz and Richard Morin

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The surge of support for
Ross Perot that began immediately after the presidential debates appears to have stopped, and Bill Clinton continues to lead President George Bush in the presidential race, according to a new Washington Post poll.

Mr. Clinton leads Mr. Bush by 44 percent to 34 percent among likely voters, with Mr. Perot at 19 percent, little changed from late last week. rgin of sampling error in the Post poll is plus or minus three percentage points.

Mr. Perot's accusations of Republican dirty tricks, which he later retracted, and his testy news conference with reporters on Monday have not reduced his overall support. But The Post poll and other recent polls suggest that he may have limited his ability to ntract more voters in the campaign's final week.

Other news media polls pnt Mr. Clinton's lead at 6 to 10 points, while advisers to Mr. Bush and Mr. Clinton said their private polls put Mr. Clinton's margin at about 7 percentage points. One poll released Wednesday showed Mr. Bush within 2 points, although few in either the Bush or Clinton campaign put much cre-

By Elaine Sciolino

New York Times Service

case involving Iraq, the agency's director has ordered all employees

to cease speaking publicly about

the matter and has forbidden them

to destroy any related documents.

(Continued from page 1)

mining likely voters; different sets of questions and different scoring

techniques are used for deciding

who will and who will not vote.

And all this is hased on what peo-

ple say they do and feel, rather than on solid facts. Finally, though poll-sters are fairly skilled at finding

those who have voted in the past, they do less well at estimating the

potential effects of younger, newer

WASHINGTON - In an un-

Central Intelligence Agency's han-dling of a billion-dollar bank-fraud about the case from Congress and

members of the electorate.

That is complicating the pollsters' job this year. Registration that figure is 64 percent. Just 36 percent of young adults were following the Bush-Dukakis contest.

Mr. Perot used the three presidential debates this month to refurbish his image with the voters, and his support jumped dramatically once they ended, roughly doubling in The Post and other polls. But that surge appears to have stopped abruptly.

The Democratic and Republican campaigns have anticipated that Mr. Perot could begin to fall in the polls because of the negative reaction and press coverage of his accusations. But The Post survey suggested that Mr. Perot may not drop much in the polls as Election Day ap-

Nearly 9 out of 10 Perot voters (88 percent) said they strongly supported him, compared with about 8 out of 10 (79 percent) of Mr. Clinton's voters and nearly 3 out of 5 (74 percent) of Bush supporters.

Support for Mr. Clinton and Mr. Bush continued to firm up. According to the poll, 8 out of 10 Bush and Clinton voters said there was little chance they would change their minds and vote for someone else before Election Day.

Mr. Perot has been working to persuade the public that a vote for him is not a wasted vote. Although his support has stopped growing, an additional 28 percent of those surveyed said they would vote for him if they believed he could win the election.

CLA Clamps Lid on the Iraq Bank Fraud Affair

data and absentee voter requests closely in 1988. Now, 54 percent

usual and harsh indictment of the edged that the agency had failed to unauthorized loans to Iraq and oth-

the Justice Department and vowed

to improve cooperation with inves-

from across the country suggest heightened interest in next week's

presidential race, suggesting a turn-out well above 1988, when half of

Poll data support that conclusion: n mid-October Los Angeles

Times survey four years ago found

that 45 percent of voters said they

were very interested in the presi-

dential election. In the latest poll

all eligible voters cast ballots.

Mr. Perot's surge has added an element of uncertainty and volatility to a race in which Mr. Clinton had maintained a solid lead for weeks.

Clinton strategists said the Democratic nominee continued to hold double-digit leads in states that together give him nearly the 270 electoral votes he needs to win. Bush strategists argue that the president is making up ground, particularly in Southern and Rocky Mountain states, and that a number of the major battleground states, from New Jersey to Ohio to

But Robert M. Teeter, the president's campaign manager, acknowledged that Mr. Clinton has many more options for reaching 270 than

The Post survey suggested that Mr. Clinton may be able to reverse the pattern of recent presidential elections in which large numbers of Democrats defected to the Republican nominee. At the same time, Mr. Bush is having unexpected difficulty keeping Republican voters in the fold.

According to the poll, 8 out of 10 Democrats said they were voting for Mr. Clinton this year, while 2 out of 3 self-described Republicans were voting for Mr. Bush.

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er countries by the Atlanta branch formation to prosecutors and the

By John Mintz

WASHINGTON - In a presidential election in which personal credibility has become a key issue. Ross Perot now finds himself subjected to some of the same charges of half-truths and contradictions that have bedeviled his two opponents for the White House.

Supporters of President George Bush and Governor Bill Clinton argue that Mr. Perot's late entry into the race spared him the kind of scrutiny their candidates have received — for example, Mr. Bush for his role in the tran-contra affair and other scandals, and Mr. Clinton for his draft record and person-

When Mr. Perot has been asked about these contradictions - as he was this week by reporters questioning his account of an alleged death threat against him, he erupt-ed in anger. His aides were just as

"If Mr. Perot took an oath that it's true, it's true," said his spokeswoman Sharon Holman. "End of

Another longtime employee, Murphy Martin, said it was "repre-hensible" to question Mr. Perot's But in the course of his off-again,

on-again campaign, the Texas billionaire's own words have some-

times been at odds:

• Mr. Perot has said repeatedly that the campaign should focus on issues, specifically the deficit and the economy, and that personal charges and negative campaigning would have no place. But nine days before the election he went on national television to charge the Republicans with "dirty tricks," and then acknowledged the next day he had no proof of the charges.

Moreover, his main source for the allegations that top Bush aides planned to tap his telephone and doctor a photograph of his daughter is a former prison guard named Scott Barnes, whom Mr. Perot knew to be the author of sometimes outrageous fabrications. Using Mr. Barnes's scanty evidence, Mr. Perot helped persuade the FBI to launch a "sting" operation against the Texas chairman of the Bush-

Quayle campaign, James Oberwetter, in which an undercover agent offered Mr. Oberwetter information purportedly stolen from Mr. Perot. The sting failed. • When Mr. Perot said in July

that he would not run for president, he gave one set of reasons: that he realized he couldn't win, that he feared a three-way electoral vote split would throw the election into the House and that the Democratic Party "has revitalized itself."

When he then entered the race Oct. 1, he said he had been mistaken, and that the issues had not been adequately addressed by Mr. Bush or Mr. Clinton. On Sunday he said the real reason he had dropped out was that he feared the Republicans would disrupt the wedding of his daughter Caroline.

grams, and there have been accusa-why the CIA failed to provide the arrans are that each of you grams, and there have been accusa-why the CIA failed to provide the tions that some of the money used Justice Department with all intelli-Several key Perot aides said these explanations obscure the real readestroy any related documents. shares my dismay in seeing the for weapons was guaranteed by an gence documents related in the The directive sent this week by agency's integrity once more called American farm credit program. sons be quit: that he hated being criticized by the press, and that he

POLLS: Inexact Science of Finding the 'Likely' Voter CAMPAIGN: Yow From Clinton

Perot's assertion that he is the only candidate not accepting public funds to finance his campaign. Mr. Clinton pointed out that Mr. Perot made his forume processing government health insurance claims under state and federal contracts. "Poor Ross Perot, with his three hillion bucks," Mr. Clinton laughed.

Mr. Perot, who has launched

plete, and therefore misleading, in-

federal judge in Atlanta about the

Another unresolved question is

likely voter window. Among the bigger pool of registered voters, Mr. Clinton has a wider lead. fresh ads of his own and has a full schedule of rallies through the weekend, hit hack Wednesday Mr. Brennan is director of the Los night at a rally in Denver. He made not win.

no reference in Mr. Clinton's sug-gestion on Wednesday that he could play a role in n Clinton presi-

Instead, he characterized Mr. Clinton as "a candidate from a rural state whose principal industry is raising chickens."

Mr. Perot mocked Mr. Bush as "a candidate whose philosophy is: If you don't do anything, things

will get better." He urged his partisans to per-suade Bush supporters to switch

because, he said, the president can-

U.S. Set to Dilute Clean-Air Rule

Robert M. Gates, the director, in a three-page message in every employee of the CIA, also acknowl
scheme that extended 55 billion in sponsible for providing incom-

of the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro.

Saddam Hussein's weapons pro-

grams, and there have been accusa-

express such sentiments.

Another factor is the overem-

phasis on minor differences in the

of Mr. Clinton's lead seems to de-

pend largely on how many of those

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people pollsters allow through their

All this is critical because the size

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Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Amid a barrage of environ-

mental announcements during the last week before the election, the administration is quietly planning to weaken a key provision of the nation's clean air laws after the presidential contest, according to

The plan, which would relax a regulation designed to preserve air quality in unpolluted areas, was finalized two weeks ago by high-ranking offi-cials of the Environmental Protection Agency and Office of Management and Budget. The officials decided to delay announcement of the proposed change until after the election to shield President George Bush from probable criticism by environ-

unpollnted areas. The changes that the administration is planning to propose would permit compa-nies to install cheaper and less effective devices.

of the environmental agency, is a political appoin-tee and close friend of the Bush campaign chairman, Robert M. Teeter. Mr. Rosenberg agreed to the plan despite warnings from his staff that it would endanger air quality, complicate regulation and anger environmentalists, according to offi-

Reilly must sign the proposal before it becomes public. Normally he approves recommendations of his assistants.

But Mr. Reilly, informed of the plan that Mr. Rosenberg had agreed to, said Wednesday that he intended "to look myself at the options,"



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Vomen's 'Glass Ceiling' in Government

By Bill McAllister Washingson Post Service SHINGTON — The same

ment of women in corpo-Office also blocks the cawomen in the federal govaccording to n new

he survey, by the U.S. Ment em Protection Board, found although nearly half the govment's white-collar jobs are promotions than others. by women, relatively few have mai supervisors is female, and en account for about one-

2 1 of senior federal executives. ding to the report. ficrences in education and

explain only some of the imbalance between men and women in is not a panacea." higher grades," it read.

"Unfounded stereotypes and assumptions" are creating a "glass ceiling" within the government that denies women promotions and access to the government's best jobs, it added. Minority women and women with children appear to face more obstacles and win fewer

"It seems like the results are exed access to executive and su- actly what we have been saying for isory jobs. Only one in four a number of years: Women are facing both institutional and attitudinal barriers in the government," said Lynn Eppard, legislative direc-tor of Federally Employed Women, which represents more than n mil-

length of government service can lion current and retired federal their career, destroying the chances workers. "The federal government for many in advance in the top jobs

Evangeline W. Swift, director of policy and evaluation for the Merit Systems Protection Board, who conducted the study, was surprised to find that the principal barriers to women appeared to he nt the GS-9 and GS-11 levels, not the GS-13 level, which is regarded as the entry to supervisory jobs.

Ms. Swift said she was also startled to find that women were less likely to win promotions in their first five years of federal employment than men with the same qualifications and background.

in the bureaucracy, she said. "If you can't get through the pre

requisite hoops at the GS-9 and 11 levels in the early part of your career," she said, "you will never have them in the SES." She was referring to the senior executives service. Titled "A Question of Equity: Women and the Glass Ceiling in

the Federal Government," the 40-

page report noted that the number of women in government has grown dramatically in the last two decades. But the progress of women in securing the top jobs has been so slow that women are likely to be People are still stereotyping underrepresented in a women in the first five years of for 25 years or longer. underrepresented in the top jobs

By Michael Weisskopf

mentalists, officials said.

As the regulation stands today, industry must install state-of-the art controls on new plants whose emissions pose a threat to the air quality of

William G. Rosenberg, assistant administrator

Mr. Rosenberg did not consult the EPA administrator, William K. Reilly, before reaching agreement with the White House, officials said. Mr.

Herald Tribune.

Clinton's Qualifications

race not just because the competition is many places as well, but he has indicated implausible and weak, although it is both that he would be more aggressive, as govern-those things. In the months that he has ment must be, in both controlling costs and crisscrossed the country in the campaign he broadening the tent to cover the uninsured has had to make the affirmative case as well that he is up to the job of president. We he would crack down on fathers who fail to think he bas shown he is up to it. No pay child support (again producing a represidential candidate is ever perfect, but the people who continue to see this election as no more than a search for a least worst alternative by a process of elimination and default are wrong.

Mr. Clinton has been elected governor of

his state six times; has compiled an enviable and mostly progressive record there; understands the nuts and bolts of government, is aware of its limits yet enthusiastic (the most welcome change of all) about fulfilling its obligations; and has now conducted a tough and shrewd and admirable campaign in which he has shown himself capable of motivating masses of people and marshal-

ing support on a hroader stage.

George Busb says that Mr. Clinton has a character problem, the accusations being that the governor does not tell the truth and on too many issues tries to be on both sides. Our own sense is that those are precisely the traits that have, sadly, characterized and marred the president's career, Mr. Clinton seems to us to have displayed to the contrary a pretty remarkable constancy of purpose and view over his years in public life. He has mainly tried in ways that Mr. Bush has conspicuously not to make it a fairer, a genuinely kinder and gentler society. There's a pretty good test of character and family values and all the rest. Mr. Clinton has his defects as we all do, but the "character issue" that the president bas raised is mostly bogus and a caricature.

The Democrais have produced not the caricature figure the Republicans portray but a well-credentialed, halanced and strong candidate who even in difficult times has a chance of being an excellent president as the incumbent has not been. The governor has rightly said that the policies of the past 12 years have left the country with two deficits, the familiar hudget deficit but an enormous social deficit at the same time. They point in contradictory directions; his focus has been on the second, in a way that has distinguished him

from both his major rivals. The educational system is failing; he has proposed extending Head Start to all eligi-ble children, a new revolving fund to help support higher education, a system where-hy recent graduates could repay their debt to the fund with community service and (well before the president paid him the compliment of proposing an alternative) a major effort to retrain a work force facing increased foreign competition, defense re-conversion and other fundamental shifts in the domestic economy.

The candidate would step up spending on infrastructure and basic research as well. he says. He proposes health care reform; here, too, the president proposed a weak and incomplete alternative only under Dem-ocratic pressure three and a half years into

Bill Clinton is ahead in the presidential his term. Governor Clinton's plan is vague in

He has said that as part of welfare reform sponse from the administration in the form of an echol and would seek to adjust the relevant mechanisms — minimum wage earned income tax credit - so that no child

of parents working full-time, year-round would have to live below the poverty line. A Clinton administration would not be cynically divisive on race in the way that the Reagan-Bush administrations have been; would defer to individual conscience on such issues as abortion, a healthy retreat on the part of government that one would think conservatives would be the first to applaud; would stop the packing of the courts in the direction of the past 12 years; and, if the candidate is to be believed. would in fact "clean House" in a way George Bush refused to do by supporting congressional campaign finance reform.

The governor is inexperienced in foreign affairs, but nothing in the campaign sug-gests that he would falter in the field; his responses on the subject have been good. His positions on questions of national de-fense and the defense budget (he would cut it more than Mr. Bush but less than many members of his own party want) have seemed to us about right. So, too, with his position on trade, on which he has mostly

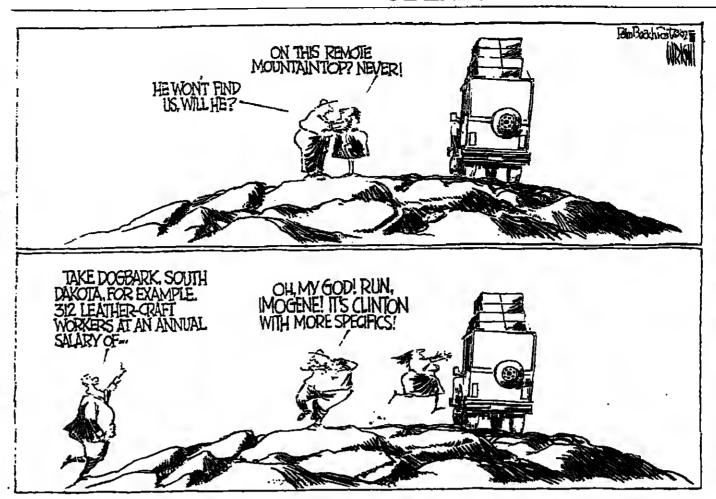
resisted his party's protectionists.

He has said pretty straightforwardly that he would not attack the deficit in his first few years in office, a mistake in our view. The deficit is expected to decline somewhat (but not enough) in the next several years on its own if the economy recovers and as the cost of the savings-and-loan bailout recedes. Mr. Clinton has basically promised only to make it no worse, and it is not clear how the tax increases and spending cuts be has outlined would let him do even that and still finance his ambitious agenda. He has said that if he does not have the money he will scale back the agenda.

But the difference is this: The government faces two enormous contradictory problems simultaneously in a weak economy — reducing the budget deficit while attacking social problems — and Mr. Bush would make both worse. He would increase the pressure on government by cutting taxes further. Ross Peror's campaign was largely founded on the notion that he would attack the deficit, but his impressive plan to do so has all but faded from view. Bill Clinton says be will try to ride both horses at the same time, as the country must - increase public investment, as he calls it, as much as he can without increasing either the deficit or the burden on the middle class.

Sure, he will have to compromise among these goals, but the man wants to govern. and after 12 years of people whose goal has been to immobilize the government, it is time to give him the chance.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.



Clinton, Catching the Mood, Is 'About Tomorrow'

WASHINGTON - For all its confusions and shortcomings. this surprising presidential cam-paign has helped restore hadly need-ed balance to American politics. The Bash-Clinton-Perot race has undermined the notion that American elections belong exclusively to the political mechanics.

Don't misunderstand. My point is not to echo Republican accusations of Slick Willyism or to rediscover with shock that image building is at the heart of modern media campaigns. Campaign evasinns and imagery are tools wielded by mechanics—the handlers, and makers and consultants who run the polls, commercials and focus groups. But wellcrafted legends become the vehicles for a nation's dreams and concerns. Mr. Clinton's understanding of that difference is one of his competitive

In a conversation we had as the

By Jim Hoagland

primary season began, I asked him if he was concerned that George Bush would run not against Bill Clinton in the autumn but against Jimmy Car-ter. I figured former President Carter was still so unpopular with the elec-torate that Mr. Bush could profitably tag Mr. Clinton as another inexperienced Southern governor certain to revive the misery index. "I hope he does run that way," Mr.

"I hope he does rim that way," Mr.
Clinton responded without a second's hesitation. "It will just show the
people that he is about yesterday, and
I am about tomorrow."

Those words have echoed in my
mind as Mr. Clinton has turned them

into the campaign legend that now pus him convincingly in front of Mr. Bush in most opinion polls. Barring a last-minute turning of the tide, Clinton-as-tomorrow has prevailed over president. Bush's efforts as impress President Bush's efforts to impose another, much more negative identity

Mr. Clinton with the Carter brush, but with no consistency and to no real effect. Not even the Double-Bubba ticket of Arkansas's Bill Clinton and Tennessee's Al Gore summoned Car-terphobia into the campaign.

The Bush attacks on Mr. Clinton The Bush attacks on Mr. Cimton for avoiding the draft, leading demonstrations abroad and traveling to Moscow during the Vietnam War also have fallen flat, deflated by that same yesterday-vs.-tomorrow dichotomy. By the time the attacks came.

card one part of the image. The tac-tics used by State Department political appointees in trying to spread the smear and involve Mr. Clinton's mother helped make the choice easi-

er for many,

This is the key to legend building in a political campaign. It bears some resemblance to the building of "legends" by spies operating in enemy territory. Each part of the elaborately constructed buography has to fit with every other part for the whole to be believable. That is where Mr. Clinton has outdone Mr. Bush, a collection of unconnectable parts, and Ross. of unconnectable parts, and Ross Perot, who has great difficulty es-tablishing dividing lines between fact

and his paranoid, unprovable tales. The agonizing slowness of the U.S. economic recovery has stymied Presi-dent Bush's effort to recast himself as a man for tomorrow. His sudden discovery late in the campaign of a plan to revive economic growth contrasts too sharply with his previous argu-ment that the economy was recovering on its own.

Mr. Perot seemed to respond to the

electorate's craving for a clear, com-prehensive narrative about the future prenensive narrative about the future in his first run around the campaign track. Now he has blown his legend apart with his hidicrous stories about Bush aides doctoring photos of his daughter, and Vietnamese hit squads on his lawn. Voters should no longer consider him a serious candidate. Mr. Clinton seems to be on the way

to convincing the electorate that he is, as he put it so many months ago, "about tomorrow." He understood the electorate's mood, and hopes, far better than did the Democratic heavyweights who refused to run against a

weights who refused to that against a supposedly unbeatable Bush.

That shows a blend of courage and vision that goes beyond campaign legend building. It may well be the decisive factor for enough voters to qualify Bill Clinton to be president.

Uncle Sam Is Going Bananas

By Leslie H. Gelb

N EW YORK — The U.S. of A. winner of the Cold War, model to the world, heir to glohal leadership and greatness, incipient banana re-public. Banana republic? Banana-republichood is attained when political, husiness and commu-

nity leaders do things that are plainly stupid and self-destructive, and when they cannot pull themselves together to fix obvious wrongs and advance the plain national interest.

the plain national interest.

Just read the newspapers in the last few days and contemplate the creeping decreptude.

Friends and family buried Yoshibiro Hattori on Monday in Japan. He was a 16-year-old exchange student in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Looking for a party, he knocked on the wrong door, was told to "freeze," didn't understand the word, and was shot dead with a .44 magnum pistol.

with a .44 magnum pistol.

The Japanese were astonished that such a thing could happen. In their country, private handguns are pro-hibited. In almost all Western demo-

hibited. In almost all Western demo-cracies, handguns cannot be pur-chased without a waiting period, a license and a good reason.

Only in America can a tiny fraction of the population (a Frankenstein monster, the National Rifle Associa-tion) "convince" political "leaders" that American freedoms depend on easy access to handguns and semiau-tomatic weapons, and that the killing with handguns of 12,000 people in 1990 was "the American way."

Helmut Kohl told his fellow Ger-mans this week that he would raise taxes to cut his government's surging

taxes to cut his government's surging budget deficit. Germans are quite conservative and already more heavi-ly taxed than Americans. But rather than see his newly unified nation go down the economic drain, Chancellor Kohl finally stood up, took his politi-cal wormwood and asked his countrymen for sacrifice.

The United States is heading toward a \$5 trillion national debt, and few American politicians dare to suggest paying bills and sacrificing to save the nation. The only politician to have done so and survived is not specific and have been sent to a religious and have his same exactly a politician and has his own private fortune.

That daring fellow is Ross Perot whose virtues as an economic truthteller seem somewhat clouded by his rather erratic behavior, Mr. Perot can be very scary. No one that strange, unpredictable and risky has come near national power in any other industrial democracy since before World War II.
As Yogi Berna said when told that
Dublin had elected its first Jewish
mayor, "Only in America."

mayor, "Only in America."
Almost only in America could one imagine tolerating a \$400 billion annual deficit and a \$4 trillion accumulated national debt. Only here, perhaps, can politicians talk about "growing out" of the deficit. If any: banana republic tried to sell America that painless baloney, it would cut off the supply of international loans.

Or take the case of Robert Stem-

Or take the case of Robert Stempel, whose board of directors just forced him out as boss of General Motors. During the last two years in its North American operations alone, Mr. Stempel led his company to a \$12 billion loss. In the last dozen years he and his predecessors have presided over the demolition of one of Ameri-

ca's greatest corporations. Almost all the while, the executives of GM were awarding themselves fat yearly raises and bonnses — and laying off workers. Boards of directors in aimost any public corporation abroad would have bought gold Toyotas for such executives and sent them off long

ago to the year-round golf course.
Or ponder George Bush's charge that Ross Perot is "nutry" for proposing a 50-cent increase in gas taxes. (Bill Clinton also opposes the idea, but secretly likes it, maybe.) Mr. Bush must think it is cosmically nutty, then, for gas taxes to be eight times America's in West Europe and four times America's in Japan.

But higher carbon taxes mean greater energy efficiency (America's is about half theirs), lower growth in air pollution, smaller oil import bills

and, above all, greater security.

Right now, the United States buys more than half its oil from the Gulf. This means that every time some Gulf messiah has a yen for Saudi Arabia, the United States has to go to war. This could happen only in an America fast nurturing the mentality of banana-republichood.

For a decade, Japan and other Asians have been trading America's pants off. This year a "Canadian" baseball team won the World Series. If Americans don't shape up, in 10 years Mexico will be buying Rocketaller Canada.

feller Center. The New York Times.

This year the personalities of the candidates have emerged with un-usual elarity and force. So has the bunger in the electorate for a convincing narrative about America's future in this time of change. Bill Clinton has a convincing lead in polls because he has turned out to be the better storyteller.

on the Arkansas governor.

Mr. Bush has littully tried to tar

formy. By the time the attacks came, Mr. Clinton had firmly established his campaign identity as a forward-looking, policy-obsessed state executive carrying around a bundle of plans that just might bring change.

Clinton-as-traitor did not fit with Clinton-as-traitor did not fit with Clinton-as-work. Voters had to dis-

er for many.

China over the issue of democracy. They want to make as much money as acted, businesses will be vulnerable possible in the next five years before getting out if the going gets rough.

Unlike Mr. Patten, who will be leaving in 1997, the overwhelming majority of the population has no to arbitrary political decisions taken

with Britain is an attempt to isolate the governor and make him appear

solely responsible for bad relations between China and Hong Kong.

of the correspondence did not sup-port China's claim that there was a

socret agreement, but it did serve to confirm Hong Kong's mistrust of both China and Britain for attempt-

ing to negotiate their future in secret.

The struggle over Hong Kong goes deeper than an ideological clash be-tween Western democracy and a

Communist state. It is an irreconcil-

able cultural conflict between the de-scendants of Hobbes and Locke, who

believe in the rule of law, human

rights and democracy, and a regime

The writer, an Australian economist and author of several books on Asia, contributed this comment to the Inter-national Herald Tribune.

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in Beijing that rejects these values.

The full disclosure on Wednesday

on a whim — a sure recipe for a collapse in confidence and a powerful deterrent to investors from overseas." choice but to stay. They are under-standably vulnerable to intimidation. In addition to its strategy of intimi-dating Hong Kong, China will do its Above all, democracy "provides a well-tried system for a mature and sophisticated people to have a say in how their community is run, and to tell those running it without fear where utmost to drive a wedge between the utmost to drive a wedge between the people and their popular new governor. China's recent claim that Mr. Patten's proposed democratic reforms are in breach of a secret agreement and when they have got it wrong."

The governor's proposals for more democracy do not infringe the letter of the Basic Law drawn up by China for the territory, but they certainly negate the spirit. Political reform and inthe spirit. Political reform and in-creased accountability are definitely not on Beijing's agenda for Hong Kong To allows such heresies would be to risk their spread into China, chal-lenging the legitimacy of Communist rule. China wants Britain to condition Hong Kong so that the 6 million residents who pass to Chinese control in 1997 will be decile, politically apathetic and thoroughly intimidated.

For a decade before Mr. Patten's arrival. Britain's willingness, in the name of realpolitik, to act as China's name of reappoints, to act as China's henchman in forcing Hong Kong to converge with a model of government dictated by Beijing stands as a disgraceful, but now apparently ended, chapter of history. The new policy enables Britain to seize the moral high ground. It also gives Hong Kong a last ground. It also gives Hong Kong a tast chance to organize itself politically so that it will at least stand a lighting chance of resisting Beijing's oppressive embrace and preserving its own identity, life-style and freedom.

The central question is whether Hong Kong will seize this opportunity or will expitulate in the lace of pustages of timese intimidation.

ssive Chinese intimidation. Forced to choose between the risk of destroying the territory's prosperity — vital as that is to China's own economy and allowing more democracy in Hong Kong, Beijing will resolutely oppose political reform. It will calculate, probably correctly, that when the people of Hong Kong see their prosperity threatened, they will lose their infatuation with democracy.

Only hours after Mr. Patten's speech, China went on the offensive It charged that his reforms deviated from the basic provisions of the Chinese-British joint declaration of 1984 and the Basic Law. China has warned that it will reverse any such deviations in 1997, and not allow Hong Kong's new airport to be built with out Beijing's support.

show that be has overwhelming approval. But that could change when China's threats start to sink in. Beijing may well foment unrest in the colony to further undermine support for the proposed democratic reforms.

Mr. Patten is likely to call a referendum to seek popular backing for his proposals. Public opinion polls

Already there are signs that Hong Kong is beginning to lose its nerve. Some legislative councillors who supported Mr. Patten are starting to sit on

passports do not want to confront

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: The Price of a Poet

PARIS — Like a good many other things the manufacture of poetry is either a very good speculation or a very bad one. Milton got five pounds only for "Paradise Lost," but Milton was not a fashionable poet, and it took people a long time to find out that 'Paradise Lost' was really a poem. Crabbe managed to extract over four thousand pounds for his rustic tales and sketches, which would have been better if they had been written in good honest prose at once. Coleridge never commanded high prices, although some of his work is matchless. Byron could ask whatever he liked.

1917: King's Hospitality LONDON - The members of the United States Congress, who are studying war conditions here, had lunch today [Oct. 29] at the House of Commons with Mr. Balfour. They afterwards heard Mr. Lloyd George

speak in the House, and what he said impressed upon them Britain's determination to win the war. Nothing has touched us so deeply as yester-day's visit to Windsor Castle," said one of the delegates. "The King threw everything open to us. We attended the service in St. George's chapel and were greatly moved when at the close of the service the organ played 'The Star-Spangled Banner, the first time in history that this has been done." 1942: Children at Drill

MOSCOW - From our New York

edition:] The Council of People's Commissars issued a decree today [Oct. 29] introducing military training in Russian elementary schools.
All boys and girls will begin training. under Red Army officers, at the age of eight years and continue to eighteen. Under the new program boys will be trained in both single-handed fighting and platoon exercises. Gals will be taught to be war nurses or

Gross National Letdown

learned this week that America's economic cal procedures for handling inflation. growth during the third quarter reached a So after securing the new data, what picsurprising 2.7 percent, almost twice the pre-vious rate. But his smile should not be broad.

The new figure almost certainly exaggerates very much. Wages will probably continue to the health of the economy, which continues stagnate. The picture is not alarming, but

to creep along at a painfully slow pace. of recovery and not enough to bring down first order of business for the new Congress unemployment. And there are plenty of rea-sons to question whether the third-quarter package of temporary tax cuts and accelerpace will continue. Part of the uptick was due ated infrastructure investment. The package to an aberrant surge in defense spending, will have to be big enough to matter, but seifanother part to consumers drawing down liquidating so that Wall Street need not fear savings at an unsustainable rate. And the a substantial increase in the federal debt. figure may well be revised downward once

President George Bush smiled when he the Commerce Department checks its technio creep along at a painfully slow pace.

Even the 2.7 figure is half the normal rate quarter produces dramatic improvement, the

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

More Puzzle Pieces

Not only was American policy toward "Iraq's extraordinarily aggressive weapons fraq flawed in the run-up to the invasion of proliferation efforts" and requesting tighter Kuwait, but it becomes increasingly clear that its execution was exceedingly careless. The policy, up until the invasion in 1990. was to try to bribe the Iraqis with many kinds of support into more civilized con-duct toward their neighbors. That, notoriously, didn't work. Now, bit by bit, details are emerging on the unwise lengths to which first the Reagan administration and then the Bush administration went.

Representative Henry Gonzalez, chairman of the House Banking Committee, has been carrying on a one-man investigation and crusade on this subject since immediately after Kuwait fell. This week he took his most recent findings to a hearing of the Senate Banking Committee, where he of-fered evidence that the United States authorized the export of American computers and software to Iraq's super-gun project. Earlier ment. The Judiciary Committee, which does the State Department denied that the United have jurisdiction, seems to be in a trance.

The dimensions of the Iraq affair are rized the export of American computers and project. Now it says that its previous statement was intended to refer only to munitions, not to auxiliary equipment like com- the country are entitled, it is going to have puters to design them.

The Senate Banking Committee came up with a letter from the secretary of state, are keeping each part of the story segment-James Baker, to the secretary of commerce, ed from the others. Robert Mosbacher, expressing alarm at

control of exports. That letter, as Secutor Donald Riegle pointed out, was written eight days before Iraq invaded Kuwait.

A lot of pieces have been contributed to this mosaic, but the full picture is not ver apparent. A number of congressional inquines are going forward, but so far they are all on separate tracks headed in different directions. As Mr. Gonzalez observed, his House committee does not have jurisdiction over export controls. That is why he went to the Senate committee, which does. But that hearing was the Senate Banking Committee's first flicker of interest in the subject. Similarly, Senator David Boren and his intelligence committee have been looking into the collision between the CIA and the

not have jurisdiction over the Justice Departturning it into a test for Congress. If it wants the answers to which it and the rest of to organize an investigation capable of bridging the jurisdictional boundaries that

Justice Department, but the committee does

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

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Hong Kong Should Seize a Democratic Opportunity

By George Hicks

HONG KONG - For 150 years. Hong Kong has been a bridge between China and the West: a midcleman in trade and an intermediary in culture. These two roles are like railway lines. If they do not run parallel, disaster will occur.

Chris Patten, the new governor of the colony, has exposed the underly ing tension in Hong Kong's dual role which was temporarily swept under the carpet hy his kowtowing, pro-China producessor, Sir David Wilson.

Mr. Patten is a passionate believer in such Western values as democracy, the rule of law, an independent udiciary, human rights and accountablity of executive power. He represenis much that is anothema to the regime in Beijing. His policy of introducing the maximum amount of democracy to Hong Kong compati-ble with China's own Basic Law for the territory has put China and Brit-

ain on a collision course, even though the plan falls short of Hong Kong's aspirations and Britain's 1984 proposals for full democracy. There is no doubt that Hong Kong

people would like more democracy. In the first direct elections to the nomi parliament, the Legislative Council, in September 1991, the United Democrats received overwheiming support. The case for more democracy was

eloquently argued by Mr. Patten in his landmark policy speech on Oct. 7. Democracy, he insisted, was more than just a philosophical ideal. It was also an essential element in the pursuit of economic progress. He said that without the rule of law buttressed by democratic institutions. "investors are left unprotected." And "without an independent indiciary enforcing laws democratically en-

the British could do absolutely nothing about increasing the length of the lease on the New Territories. We are

dependent on China for water, if they threaten to cut off the supply there is

intle or nothing we could do about it, senior officials said, adding that Hong Kong also imported a good deal of fresh food from China.

It is vital that foreign diplomats and

Help Britain Persuade China To Ease Up on Hong Kong

By Clare Hollingworth Many foreigners living and working in Hong Kong recall the fears of 15 to 20 years 250, when it was stressed that

HONG KONG — There is grow-ing anxiety here that Beijing may injure if not kill, the goose that ays the golden eggs — Hong Kong. A though deep concern is still generally expressed in private, many tradesmen, bureaucrats, clerks and house-wires who normally show but little mterest in politics are very disturbed.
The catalyst was Beijing's response
to Governor Chris Patten's proposals

for political reform and the new Hong Kong airport. Unfortunately, the Chi-nese are convinced that almost every action taken by British bureaucrats, bankers or business people is designed to precisote jobs for themselves or profit for their companies.

Indeed, many Chinese believe that the British will not only take all the financial reserves and the municipal sive when they leave in 1997, but the 121: 21105 25 Well.

Beijing's response was issued by the director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, Lu Ping, He asserted that any aircraft using the new airport would be denied the use of Chinese airspace. In fact, it would be virtually impossible for planes to land or take off without using Chinese airspace.

Further, there is resentment and epposition by many now in power in China to the governor's plans for potitical reform and increasing demo-cracy at the grass-roots level. Democracy is still a dirty word among the eiderly Macist hard-liners in Bening. aithough this attitude is likely to change as voonger reformers gradu-

ally rise to positions of responsibility. Obviously, the British want to leave Hong Kong as a prosperous city in order that they and their friends in the United States, Europe, Australia and Asia can continue to use and enjoy this superb gateway to China and make the odd buck while they do it.

visiting ministers support Britain. They, too, enjoy the splendid facilities Hong Kong provides: its deep water harbor, good hotels and political and press freedoms, combined with financial liberty and low taxation. The Chinese over the border, in the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone,

also share the prosperity of Hong Kong, but officials there lack the clout of foreign diplomats. Britain needs backing, too, from representatives of other governments, because the Chinese believe that the Prime Minister John Major will shortly be thrown out of No. 10 Downing Steet. From Berjing, Mr. Major's chances of winning the next elections are seen as remote. Therefore, they reason, Chris Patten will lack power and hacking. This will lead to his resignation and the appointment of a new, probably Labor governor, who the Chinese expect

will be easier to handle. Of course, such speculation may well be completely wrong. And Mr. Pattern is energetic, intelligent and a good politician with gentime charm. He may yet persuade the Chinese to take a more moderate line. For Beijung must know that any political or economic disturbance that affects the business and banking workings of Hong Kong could wound the goose. the fence; others have begun to back China. The rich who have foreign

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OPINION

Decided, With Bunkerism Tipping the Balance

ASHINGTON — Perhaps you, too, have had a rough time this year deciding which American sidential candidate you are less against. Here is v one Undecided Voter reached a decision: I ched for my key trigger.

see range from taxes (higher under Bill Clinton) to neern for human rights (lower under George Bush): m government domination of the economy (worse h Mr. Clinton) to government intrusion into prie lives (worse with Mr. Bush).

The character trigger? My instinct is not to trust Mr. nton, whose campaign has achieved a Dewey-eyed

generation ago, I saw that rogance of insiderdom destroy an lministration and many people's pes; that is why the need for ashington glasnost seizes me now.

Lugness, but I have learned from hard experience not trust Mr. Bush. (Peromoia is not an option.)
My own key trigger this year, which is probably not secrecy, compounded by ethical blindness to con-ct of interest. A generation ago, I saw that arronce of insiderdom destroy an administration and any people's lives; that is why the need for Washeton glasnost seizes me now.

By William Safire

As a test, I submitted a question to Mr. Clinton last month about more open government: Did he support extension of the Freedom of Information Act, which permits citizen and press access to unclassified papers in executive departments, to cover Congress and the White House? On any other subject, I would get a call back from Clinton aide George Stephanopoulos the

same day; but on this, silence.

After weeks of pestering came this fudge: "I support principles of FOIA . . . Having said that, I have not studied the particular policy questions raised by extending FOIA to Congress and the White House."

Having ducked, Mr. Clinton added soothingly: "As president, I would look at this issue with a strong

preference for public disclosure." He would sell dangerous F-15s to Saudi Arabia and keep open unnecessary defense installations to pick up

a few votes, but on a matter that might open up closed-door political operations in the White House — thereby ng them clean - Mr. Clinton and his policy wonks were too busy to study the policy question. That puts those few of us whose votes are triggered by excessive secrecy between Little Rock and a hard place.

The hard place is George Bush's refusal to permit independent investigation of obstruction of justice within his Justice Department. He has just personally and publicly joined Attorney General William Barr, his former CIA aide, in the Iraquate cover-up.

Asked on Wednesday by Charles Gibson of ABC:
"Good Morning America" about accessations in this space, Mr. Bush replied: "He's making charges that are

not true ... The Justice Department had 40 lawyer that are nonpolitical. And they looked at these charge out of the partisan House [Judiciary] Committee and they said there isn't anything here. Forty that are

nonpolitical wrote a 97-page report."

The president is associating himself with the unsigned apologia for nonfersance attached to his attorney general's rejection of the House's first call for independent counsel. The "career prosecutors" so often cited therein, whom Mr. Bush misidentifies as 40 nonpolitical lawyers, are mainly his political appoinices. Most of these whitewashers serve at his pleasure. and their jobs depend on his re-election.

The real career prosecutors at Justice include many who have been on the phone to me to express their disgust at the 97-page Barr apologia — a document already exposed as misleadingly inadequate by the recent CIA-FBI accusations.

These veteran straight arrows will not risk retaliation by volunteering evidence to their political boss's patsy prosecutor — but will testify about their superiors' wrongful interference when a grand jury is convened by a court-appointed independent counsel.

Now to my voting trigger. Mr. Clinton's reluctance to stand foursquare against unnecessary secrety is troubling, but Mr. Bush's embrace on Wednesday of a document that may figure in a criminal conspiracy is far worse. His encouragement of Mr. Barr's stonewall-

ing places the Iraquate scandal in the Oval Office.

New York Times columnists traditionally do not endorse any candidate, and I'm for traditional values. But any reader who cannot figure out against whom this lifelong Republican is voting this year isn't trying. The New York Times.

When Journalists Seem Irrelevant

WASHINGTON — I journeyed to Europe last week to see how the news business looks on the other side of the water. Not too good. Publishers worry about the economy and a loss of readers. Family-owned newspapers

are gobbled up by big chains. The unemployment lines, for one of the first times in modern history, inelude a lot of journalists in England and Switzerland. Their prospects are poor for re-employment and are aggravated by a flood of young people seeking work. It is said that in France two out of three university students

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hope to find careers in "communications." Many of them are ill-trained; few will live their dreams.

The picture in the United States is much the same: shrinking profits, few-er job opportunities and an audience that shrinks a little bit each year in relation to the size of the population.

We Americans have something else in common with our European brethren. It is a sense of uncertainty over where journalism is beaded. Television has become the main supplier of news and, among the media, the most potent political force. It has changed the nature of what we do. The camera makes Everyman an "everyimess to history" The need for the surrogate witness -

the journalist — is diminished.

This was clearly demonstrated, in the view of Ignacio Romanet, editor of the French monthly Le Monde Diplomatique, during the Gulf War.

When the correspondent Peter Arnest announced that the bombs had, orgun to fall, we could see that for ourselves through the cameras of CNN, We waited for more; How many planes came, how many were lost, how many casualites, how much retaliation? Mr. Arnett didn't know. "It was obvious," Mr. Romanet said. that he had no more information than any of the 4 million people of Baghdad." He was thus irrelevant to the story.

When the cameras made us witoesses to the military briefings, the assembled correspondents served hule purpose, essentially props for the show, When the journalists ventured out on their own, they and their cameras sometimes lied to us, inadvertently I am sure, We saw, as the correspondents did, those explosions in the night sky. Were they Patriots blowing up Scuds, as we were told? Or Patriots self-destructing?

manet puts it, require commentators? Similar questions arise out of the American political campaign this year. In the early months, according to a study by Paul Taylor for the 20th Century Fund, 72 percent of all the air time devoted to the election by the networks was monopolized by a handful of net- Crigler seemed credible to me, (Their

By Richard Harwood

work reporters and commentators: Quotes from voters, political experts and other sources made up 15 percent, and sound bites from the candidates made up just 13 percent." If a word count were done on the newspapers, a

similar picture probably would emerge. What these numbers mean is that ournalists -not the politicians and the people — dominate the conversances of democracy in the United States. Candidates have long been aware of

that. The purchase of television ads was their traditional response. This year they discovered and exploited the 'new news media" - talk, entertainment and call-io shows — which pro-vided hours and hours of free time before huge audiences that have been disconnected from politics.

By mid-June, Mr. Taylor wrote, there were so many television hosts offering so many long interviews and call-in formats that the Clinton cam-paign canceled plans for a second half hour of paid time. If you gave me \$3 million today, I wouldn't spend a pen-ny on TV. We can't get any more [exposure] than we are getting, exsined the deputy campaign manager, George Stepbanopoulos.

Another contributor to this study is Jay Rosen, a professor of journalism at New York University. "If the rise of the call-in show format means anything," he writes. "it means that many viewers see no purpose in having the furnalist intervene in politics. Max in

Seattle feels as well represented by Julie's grestion from Houston as he would be by Sam Donaldson's inquiry from New York."

He feels that way, Mr. Rosen believes, because great numbers of Americans are turned off by the "cult of toughness" in American journalism that leads us to demean and try to embarrass people in public life by exhibiting "a level of shamelessness and aggression that ordinary people cannot manage" and do not under-

stand or appland. "The press," in Mr. Rosen's opin-ion, "ought to see in the current campaign ... a warning: Politics with-out journalists is a prospect we have glimpsed this year, and for the momeni ii looks rather good ... If journalists cannot convince the rest of us that they belong on-screen, that they are worth listening to, that they add something to public discourse that would be missing if they were not there, then the press will lose an asset of inestimable value; not only the attention of television viewers but the public support it needs to remain free

ind independent."

1 do not know if there is any connection between the present practice of journalism and the economic difficulties the press is encountering both in America and in Europe. I do not know if television is inevorably eroding the authority and social utility of journalists in the Western world. But something is happening here that is not trivial. It deserves attention.

The Washington Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

oward Consensus, Slowly

President François Mitterrand of ance would disagree with Karl Karl sare Merlini and Dominique Moisi at the mins of what was once Yugosla--a are now crying out for a collective inative by the re-railed European Comunity. ("Hurry to Put European Union sck on the Rails," Opinion, Oct. 28.) t On the contrary, according to those ino work closely with the president at == e Elysee Palace, and on whom I called ining a recent visit to Paris. Mr. Mitternd believes that a common European reign policy is a long way off and would be approached gradually or, in his wn words, par petits pas (by small steps). nd, far from being a small step, Yugo-

avia is a highly contentious issue. The Germans, who now dominate the propean Community, have systematially promoted the independence of roatia and Slovenia and, more recent-, Bosnia, within internal federal froners, whereas Mr. Mitterrand clearly presaw that this policy was bound to and to civil war. The French have a proerb tradition, and the experts at the haid Orsay recognize that the Serbian minorities are fighting viciously against eing subject to Croatian or Muslim rule. For these reasons, the French presilent, rightly in my view, feels that a hot abject like Yugoslavia is better left to

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ompromise, negotiated among respon-ible governments, which, while friendly

with each other, happen to adopt different attitudes. This is surely more sensible than trying to elaborate EC consensus which, in present circumstances, is no more than German policy writ large.

NORA BELOFF. London.

Democracy in Action

Given the many recent references to Vietnam and to the draft record of Bill Clinton in your paper and others, I felt that the following reflection on the pa-triotic foundations for opposition to that conflict might be of interest.

In the aftermath of World War II, the Allied powers determined to punish those responsible for the atrocities committed in the name of the Third Reich, holding to the proposition that all men are responsible for their acts. This responsibility, it was understood, could not be relinished to the state or to a military chain of command, even during a war. Thus many Germans, civilians and soldiers, were prosecuted for the roles they played in support of the Nazi regime.

To suggest that objections to the Victnam War are or were unpatriotic is to equate patriotism with blind obedience

and by doing so recreate the evil that World War II was fought to eradicate. All Americans, in serving in the Victnam War or in opposing it, were acting upon the beliefs they held about their

country, its actions and the condition of

democracy in action.

their fellow men. This was our American WILLIAM WALLACE

Out of Touch in Brussels

As an American journalist who does not normally cover such issues. I found a visit to Brussels last spring - an attempt to explain the European Community and 1992 to ordinary American readers
— most futile. With minor exceptions, Brussels struck me as a private club of arrogant self-assumed bigwigs, tinkering furtively with some abstract machine.

Why is it that most Europeans could not tell you anything about the European Community, the single market and the Maastricht treaty? Why is it that many Europeans are rejecting Brussels? Partly, at least, because many of the Eurocrats are on another planet.

It has been amusing in recent months to watch them discover this for themselves. Unity is a great idea for Europe, but to help the process along many of those planning it need to get real, and to get to touch.

RODDY RAY.

Unwitting Provocation

Regarding "Conclusion, 30 Years On: Better a Non-Nuclear World" (Opinion, Oct. 15), by Robert S. McNamara: Mr. McNamara's account of the Cu-

ban missile crisis fails to mention the real cause of the superpower confrontation in 1962: his own excessive nuclear strategy.

President John Kennedy and Defense Secretary McNamara had carried out a vast arms buildup in 1961 when the United States already enjoyed a great strategic superiority over Russia; Mr. Kennedy's 1960 election talk of a missile gap was nonsense. Overreacting to Soviet threats over Berlin (part of an attempt to force the West to recognize East Germany), Mr. Kennedy sought to demonstrate the U.S. commitment to Europe. The American defense budget was increased three times in the course of one year,

The Soviets believed that America was seeking a first-strike counterforce capability. Nikita Khrushchev was tempted into his Cuban escapade not simply to safeguard Fidel Castro's revo-Intion but also to redress the strategic imbalance by spreading Russia's retalia-tory capability beyond home soil.

It was the very intensity of the Cuban crisis that stimulated the search for détente and created the conviction that mutual nuclear deterrence offered the best hope for peace. Mr. McNamara was to increasingly emphasize the second-strike deterrent role of America's strategic missiles. Even so, it is ironic that the episode should be commonly seen as the greatest triumph of the Kennedy administration.

ANTHONY PAUL MARTIN

They Rely on the Picture Box

By Richard Reeves

OS ANGELES - The current issue of ASNE Bulletin, the trade journal of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, contains a provocative story under the headline: "Turnabout! New study finds people

CBS Evening News were devastating.

learn more about the news from TV

including these; Television news succeeded better than newspapers in communicating

substantive information." "TV and magazine coverage result-

ed in significantly higher levels of Does this form of spectator sport or "instantaneous history," as Mr. Rolearning than newspaper coverage." "People with strong cognitive skills got the same amount of information out of print as they did out of televi-

sion; newspapers were particularly unhelpful to people with average cognitive skills. The methodology of W. Russell Neuman, Marion R. Just and Ann N.

work will be a book, "Common Know-ledge," published by the University of Chicago). I didn't want to believe it, of course; I make my living selling words by the pound and have no talent whatever for producing pictures.

I had my own reality check, a politi-

cal science class I teach at UCLA, I asked my students, It was clear from than from print,"

The conclusions of a study of Time,
Newsweek, the Boston Globe and the

a great university did indeed learn more from the tube than from books,

"You experience information," one student said. A number said they thought television was more credible than print. That hurt. But they are not awed or fooled by

the picture box. They are, rather, enormously sophisticated about how it works, where the images are from and how they are collected and distributed.

That is what they have to know and have to live with. That alone, the domination of television in affairs both trivial and serious (newspapers try to do the same (hing), guarantees that their lives will be different from mine.

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you want on your own video monitor. Now you can. Singapore Airlines is further enhancing its exclusive MEGATOP 747s - the world's largest, fastest, long-haul passenger aircraft.

Introducing the world's first and Raffles Class, the Personal Cinema System offers a choice of 6 movie, entertainment and sports channels right at your fingerips. SIA is also progressively installing CELESTEL . the world's first global contents of the content o





Israel Urges End to Boycotts Plea Opens Paris Talks on Mideast Economies

PARIS - Israel asked Thursday for an end to economic boycotts and arms buildups in the Middle East as multilateral talks involving 40 nations on development in the region opened in Paris.

Yakov Frankel, head of the Israeli delegation and

the Bank of Israel, said that the Middle East could not avoid regional economic cooperation of the kind under way in Europe, North America and Asia. Cooperation among the peoples of the region could be the decisive factor in regional stability and lasting peace. he said, and boycotts are counterproductive and inconsistent with the peace process.

The two days of closed-door discussions come under the framework of the Middle East peace talks,

which are scheduled to resume in Washington Nov. 9. Israel boycotted the first round of economic talks in May, when the Palestinian delegation included a member of the Palestinian National Council, the Palestinian parliament-in-exile. The council is closely linked to the Palestine Liberation Organization, which Israel refuses to negotiate with,

This time, the Palestinian team is headed by Zein Mayasi, a businessman who byes in Europe. His attendance marks a new step, since Israel until recently refused to negotiate with Palestinians living outside the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Mr. Mayasi

is not a member of the Palestinian National Council. "Palestinians could gain some advantages in these talks," a Palestinian source told reporters on condition of anooymity. "There could be some direct trade, especially agriculture, between Palestinian territories and the EC and Arah countries."

Palestinian exports through Jordan, which would be the main route for such products, are banned, he said, and Israeli restrictions often result in Palestinian produce's rotting before it can be shipped.

The Israeli spokesman, Daniel Shek, said he doubted that any agreement would be signed after the talks, but be said the multilateral process was inseparable from the higher-profile peace talks in Washington.
"Neither can be achieved without the other," Mr.

Shek said. "We need accords on tourism, water, energy and disarmament to make peace."

Lamont Vows to Revive The British Economy

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cent over the same period.

exchange rate mechanism, Mr. La-

mont said, Britain now has a more

competitive exchange rate — ster-ling has depreciated by almost 13

LONDON — Britain's finance minister committed the country Thursday to a push for economic growth built on "sensible" government spending and the lowest possible interest rates.

"My priorities will be to promote recovery and the long-term prosperity of the British economy," said the chancellor of the Exchequer, Norman Lamont, in a speech to London bankers.

Mr. Lamont said the government was determined to stimulate the

"Lower interest rates supported by sensible poblic expenditure priorities will put the economy on course for recovery," said Mr. Lamont, who bas shouldered much of the blame for the British recession and a series of policy serbacks.

percent — and has been able to relax monetary policy. He hinted at Answering criticism that policymaking has been secretive and govfurther interest rate cuts. ernment forecasts dangerously inaccurate, Mr. Lamont said the rates any higher than is necessary Treasury and the Bank of England to meet the government's inflation would produce regular public re-ports and consult outside experts nbjectives," said Mr. Lamont, who stressed that he would not allow the

nn the economy. Against the background of a to be lost in the recovery. two-year recession and a series of policy reversals, culminating in a currency crisis last month that cut by two percentage points, to 8 percent, since the Sept. 16 withpushed sterling out of the Europe-an currency grid, Mr. Lamoot said he had a clear vision of where ecooomic policy was beading.

· His economic objectives, he said, were "sound money, low inflation, a firm approach to poblic expenditure and a determined attempt to ensure that resources are allocated

MAJOR: Upping the Ante

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nonbinding clauses in the treaty.
"When I look at the Danish proto programs and projects that will support Britain's recovery."
Mr. Lamont repeated that his target for inflation over the next posal, I think, 'What is left of Maastricht?' said an EC diplomat quoted by Reuters, explaining why there is so little enthusiasm in Brusfour years was between 1 percent and 4 percent.

sels for Copenhagen's proposal.

Lack of a solution to the Danish He admitted that in two years, membership in Europe's exchange problem has fed the Conservative rebellion in the British Parliament. rate mechanism of managed cur-rency parities. Britain had been The rebels have argued that there is forced to tighten monetary policy no sense in a debate until there is some sense of where the Danes are going. Now, political sources said, Mr. Major has made it clear that he The recession had been deepened by having to impose higher-than-necessary interest rates in orwants to get the ratification process in the Commons well under way der to support the pound against an before the EC summit meeting in Outside the constraints of the

Edinburgh in December. In Madrid, the 350 members of the Cortes approved ratification of the Maastricht treaty with only three radical Basque members vot-ing against. The Senate is expected to approve the treaty on Nov. 25.

The Chamber of Deputies in Rome completed Italy's ratifica-tion of the treaty by 403 votes to 46. "I have no desire to keep interest The Italian government is one of the treaty's biggest supporters. It argues that the pact's requirements for economie and monetary union ains made in combating inflation provide a strong incentive to reform the economy and remain British interest rates have been competitive in world markets.

The treaty of Maastricht, for all drawal from the exchange rate its limitations, represents a considcrable step toward our ideal of Eu-ropean union," Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo said in the debate mechanism against a peak of 15 percent in Oct. 1990. Inflation has fallen to 3.6 percent from 10.9 perpreceding the vote. "If we emerge from the current pessimism, Italy But Mr. Lamoot insisted that in trying to get Britain working again he was not taking his eye off inflawill have only improvements and advantages to gain from adhesion



FRENCH RELOCATE IMMIGRANTS — Immigrants from Mali during a police operation to evict about 400 on Thursday from a park in the Paris suburb of Vincennes, where they had been camping for six months while waiting for housing. They were taken to temporary dwellings. The police said the move was necessary as winter approaches, but human rights groups were critical.

DUST: Africa's Burden Proves a Blessing for Others

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the regional and global climate: The enormous dust flows can trap the heat leaving the Earth while blocking solar radiation from com-

In burnid areas, heavy dust can promote cloud formation and rain. because dust particles act as seeds around which cloud droplets form. The dust plumes also thicken the

vast pool of ozone and smog that forms over the South Atlantic at this time of the year as farmers and berders clear their land and set fire to buge areas of Brazil and south-

em Africa. Scientists here in Namibia also hope that their findings will draw attention to man's own contributions to Africa's erosion and focus on the need for better land management. Specialists have long warned that overgrazing, the cutting of

trees and the planting of unsuitable crops damage the fragile arid and semi-arid soils.

Dr. Robert Swap, whn was sur-veying soil conditions and collecting dust, said the dust was likely to contain particles of plants, animal dung and minerals that could be identified and matched with other samples to gain greater insight into the migration of soils.

The isotopes in the dust, the basic elements, will be matched with isotopes from other regions in a process called chemical fingerprinting. Scientists say that with this technique, they can prove

where dust came from. As part of this broad survey, other team members are following dust plumes by satellite and collecting dust samples from aircraft and at a duzen sites in Zimbabwe and South Africa, on Ascension Island and in South America.

Satellite data and ground measurements have shown that dust swept nff Senegal, Mauritania. Mali, Algeria and Morocco is

sometimes blown to Europe. New U.S. studies have recently suggested that the most important effect is that the dust adds enormous quantities of iron to the water, which is essential for the growth of plankton, the first link in the food chain.

Some of the most exciting recent findings, according to Dr. Gar-stang, show that hreeding grounds of fish and dense marine life in swaths of the Atlantic Ocean coincide with the main dust paths com-

ing nff Africa.

"It's like fertilizer falling into the ocean." Dr. Garstang said, "There is still a lot of work to be done, but satellites tell us that planktoo blooms and the dust plumes off Africa coincide."

HISS: No Spy Evidence in Archives (Continued from page 1)

(Continued from page I) things he might not have seen," said Richard Pipes, a Soviet scholar at Harvard University. "There are archives within archives within ar-

Whether through headlines, newsreels or early television broadthe statement this month in Moscasts of the hearings of the House Un-American Activities Committee an entire generation of Americans followed the Hiss-Chambers

official who was convicted of perju-ry in 1950 for his denial that he had been a Soviet spy, asked General Volkogonov to inspect all Soviet files pertaining to him and his ac-It was Mr. Chambers, a member of the Communist Party in the 1930s and later an editor at Time trite former Communist who asserted that he was sacrificing himmagazine, who charged both that self for the sake of his country, and Mr. Nixon, a crusading young con-Mr. Hiss belonged to the American Communist Party in the 1930s and that he had provided Mr. Cham-bers with classified State Departgressman from California sternly inspecting microfilm with a mamiment documents for transmission fying glass. to the Soviet Union. Mr. Chambers

called Mr. Hiss "the closest friend I ever had in the Communist Party." Mr. Hiss has always denied the charges.
"It's what I've been fighting for for 44 years," Mr. Hiss, now 87. said in an interview this week. "It won't settle things for people I've regarded as prejudiced from the beginning, but I think this is a final verdiet on the thing. I can't imagine a more authoritative source than the bird strengthened his argument that he knew him at the time.

the files of the old Soviet Union. "Rationally, I realized time was running out, and that the correc-tion of Chambers' charges might nnt come about in my lifetime. But inside I was sure somehow that I

in any of the archives is not very

General Volkogonov, the author of a biography of Stalin, delivered

responsible on his part."

cuser, Whittaker Chambers.

would be vindicated."

General Volkogonov issued his opinion on Oct. 14. In a separate videotaped statement made the next day, he elaborated on his findings. He said that, as a State Dertment official in the 1940s, Mr. Hiss had "normal official working contacts" with Soviet officials and was "never a spy for the Soviet Union." Instead, be called him a

victim of the Cnld War. The fact that he was convicted in the '50s was a result of either false information or judicial error," he cootinued. "You can tell Alger Hiss that the heavy weight should be lifted from his heart."

Alexander Dallin, a professor of history and political science at Stanford, said it was beyond the powers of even the most highly placed Russian official to reach intn every nock and cranny of Soviet intelligence.

Disclosures of this sort gradually fill in the picture, hut don't re-move the question marks," be said, But Mr. Lowenthal insisted that General Vnlkoganov's search was comprehensive - so much so that timately belped design the superbe was apparently willing to stake gun, a long-range artillery weapon.

an and politician on it.

"This man is a professional historian who has spent decades in the
archives." Mr. Lowenthal said "Hewould not lightly render an official
opinion without being sure of his
research. He was not born yesterday."

Whether chives. To say there is no evidence

cow to John Lowenthal, a historian and filmmaker who has long studied the Hiss case. In May, Mr. Hiss, a high-ranking State Department Millions of citizens developed indelible images of the principal players in the drama: Mr. Hiss, who once clerked for Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes and accompanied. Franklin D. Roosevelt to Yalta; Mr. Chambers, an apparently con-

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The public also became versed in the peculiar accountrements of the controversy: the typewriter with which Mr. Hiss's wife purportedly retyped the purloined documents; the pumpkin in which Mr. Chambers hid the microfilm he said Mr. Hiss had given him, and even the prothonotary warhler that Mr. Hiss, an amateur ornithologist, spotted in the early 1930s. Mr. Chambers's claim to remember a conversation with Mr. Hiss about

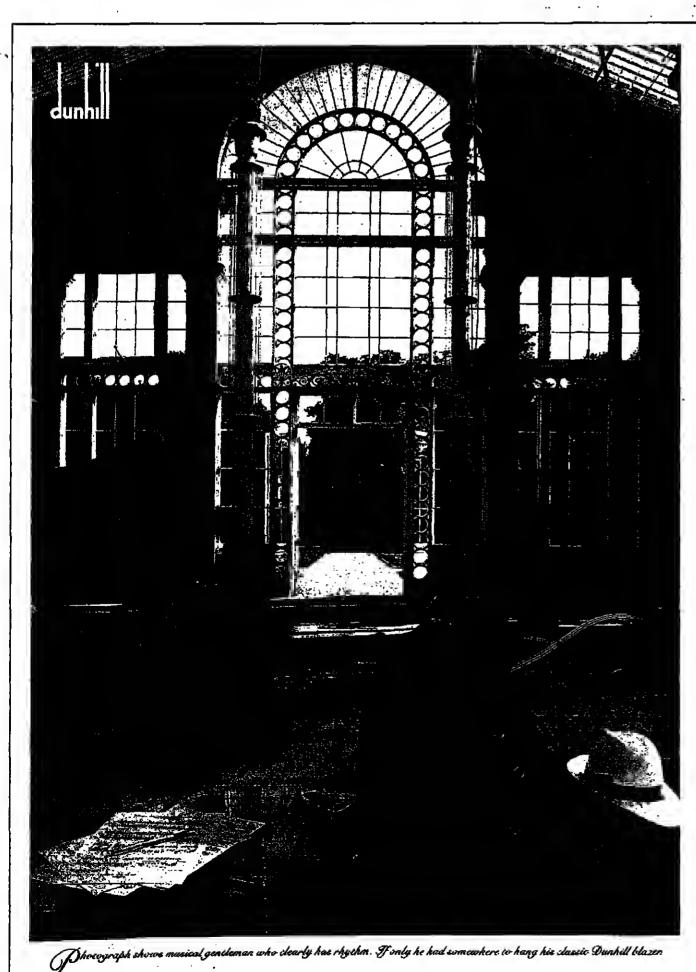
Mr. Chambers said that Mr. Hiss had been "a devoted and rather romantic Communist." At the time, the accuser said: "Mr. Hiss represents the concealed enemy against which we are all fighting and I am fighting. I've testifie against him with remorse and pity. But in a moment of historic jeopardy in which this nation now stands. so help me God. I could not do

Mr. Chambers died in 1961. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan awarded him the Medal of Free-

U.S. Investigates Export Of Computers to Iraq Las Angeles Tunes Service

WASHINGTON - The Pentagon bas begun an internal review to determine how the artillery designer Gerald Bull obtained a U.S. export license for computers used in the design of Iraq's "supergun."

One of Mr. Bull's companies received the license in 1989 for computers that it said were to be used in an Iraqi automotive factory but ul-





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U.K. Again Seeks Hong Kong Talks

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HONG KONG — Britain is seeking new talks with China to break a deadlock over Governor Chris Patten's plans for democratic changes in Hong Kong, a high official of the colonial government said Thursday

Sir David Ford, chief secretary and second-ranking official in the Hong Kong government, said the two sides had to push ahead despite a dispote over whether Britain had secretly agreed with

China to limit democratic change in Hong Kong.

Sir David told the local RTHK radio that Tony Galsworthy, team leader in the Chinese-British Joint Liaison Group, would soon contact his Chinese counterpart, Guo Fengmin to try to resume

In Beijing, China tempered its attacks on the British colonial government, but showed no sign of budging on its rejection of the democratization plan or on offering any alternatives. "The Chinese side wants cooperation, not confrontation," said Wu Jianmin, a Chinese government spokesman.

The British colonial government must "return to the course of serious consultation and cooperation in accordance with the provisious of the Sino-British Joint Declaration as soon as possible," Mr.

Wu said at a weekly Foreign Ministry press briefing.

When Mr. Patten made his first visit to Beijing as governor recently, the Chinese flatly rejected his proposals, including direct or indirect election of the majority of the Hong Kong legislature.

But on Thursday Sir David said: "The time has come when we must move things forward. As Mr. Patten has said, we stand ready to

consider any proposals which are fair and open and would have the support of the people here in Hong Kong.

"Clearly we would like to see some proposals from the Chinese side. I know it's the intention of Mr Galsworthy when Ambassador

Guo returns to Hong Kong in the next day or so to approach him and ask the Chinese side how they think matters can be taken further forward in the Joint Liaison Group." (Reiders, AFP)

UN Envoy in Somalia Says Offer to Stay Was Rejected

MOGADISHU, Somalia - The Inited Nation's special envoy to omalia. Mohammed Sahnoun, earfully confirmed his resignation n Thursday after the secretary-eneral reprimanded him for critiizing the United Nations' reponse to the famine here.

Mr. Sahnoun, an Algerian diplonat with a forthright manner, said a news conference that he would ave stayed on despite "bitter ex-perience of the UN bureaucracy" ... ut that his offer was not accepted.

He had telexed his offer to onit in Monday after Secretary-Generil Butros Butros Ghali objected to nis public statements that the Unitad Nations had moved too slowly to save thousands from death in

Since his appointment last April, Mr. Sahnoun has woo much praise for focusing world attention on the famine and for his efforts to bring feeding warlords to the peace table.

Aid workers said relief operations would be thrown into confuioo by his departure. "Without im the 100-day plan is severely til a replacement is found.

damaged," said Rick Grant of the international agency CARE

Last month, the United Nations promised to import 100,000 tons of food in the last three months of the year to end a famine that is killing about 1,000 people a day.

At the oews conference, Mr. Sahoom said he had reconsidered his offer to resign after appeals from supporters. He said he had written in his letter of resignation that he would be prepared "to assume at any time the function of a tempo-rary special envoy in order to address some specific, urgent prob-lems" in Somalia.

"T have received oo response to my letter of Oct. 26," he added. Mr. Sahnoun said that his criticism might have hurt some feelings, but that it had encouraged a proper response to the famine, because aid agencies had oow returned to So-

"We're back to square one," said the head of the UN military forces in Somalia, Brigadier-General Imtiaz Shaheen, who will take over Mr. Sahnoun's responsibilities un-

Chairman Of Daewoo Won't Run For Office

SEOUL - Kim Woo Choong, chairman of the South Korean conglomerate Daewoo, said Thursday that he would oot run for president for a breakaway political party.

His announcement at a press conference ended days of specula-tion about his future and sent prices soaring on the Seoul stock market.

"I will not run for president," Mr. Kim said. "Even if the New Korea Party asks me to become its presidential candidate, I will not accept it. I will devote myself to the development of the national econo-

my."
The Seoul market, in turmoil for days over Mr. Kim's possible political ambitions, reacted strongly.

"All of Daewoo's eight listed companies hit their daily upper limits," said Kim Dong Ik of Dai-

shin Securities. "The momentum spread across the board." The composite index rose 20.31 points to close the morning session

Investors had feared that Mr. Kim's adoption as the New Korea Party standard-bearer would sow confusion in the run-up to the presidential poll and damage Daewoo. which engages in activities ranging from shipbuilding to carmaking

and computers.

Presidential elections are to be held before the end of this year although no date has been fixed.

The Daewoo founder's decision to stay out of the presidential race was a major setback for the New Korea Party, which was formed last Friday by rebel politicians who say they want to break the mold of the nation's stagnant politics.

The New Korea Party had been

expected to ask Mr. Kim to run as its presidential candidate later this week after it failed to persuade the former prime minister Kang Young Hoon and Park Tae Joon, the for-mer chairman of the POSCO steel-

Political analysts said the New Korea Party, with no viable leader in sight and oo strong financial backing, could now fragment or become a negligible political force. Kim Young Sam, the presiden-tial candidate representing the ma-

iority Democratic Liberal Party, is widely regarded as front-number in the race and would have been the biggest loser if Mr. Kim bad decided to run.

Kim Young Sam faces a lesser challenge from Chung Jo Yung, leader of the United People's Party and the Hyundai Group founder.

ASIAN TOPICS

Korean Cultists Find Heaven Can Wait

Thousands of South Koreans who awaited the crack of Doomsday at midnight Wednesday broke off their vigil at the churches of various sects around the country early Thursday. Some were disappointed, some disillusioned and some confident that if Doomsday had not yet arrived, it would very soon.

"We just got the message from God wrong," said Kim Tae Jin, 34, an architect.

About 15,000 police, backed by fire engines and ambulances, were on hand to prevent outbreaks of violence or mass hysteria among an estimated 20,000 cult members at more than 150 churches. But violence was relatively minor. Four people committed suicide, and at least 13 people were missing. One theologian who had scoffed at the Doomsday viril was stabled by two unidentified men. He was not critically wounded.

The faithful believed Christ would descend at midnight and lift his followers up to heaven. Everybody else would perish in a

series of cataclysms.
Some believers had quit jobs or school and had given away all their worldly goods to prepare to ascend. But 15 minutes after the



A REST FROM DIRTY WORK IN CHINA - Street sweepers in dust-protecting uniforms resting in Beijing on Thursday.

midnight deadline passed, wor shipers began to disperse.

Two prominent Filining news papermen have been convicted of hibel and sentenced to two years in prison for an article that claimed former President Corazon C. Aquino hid under her bed during a 1987 coup attempt. Both

men. Luis Beltran, a newspaper columnist, and Maximo Soliven, publisher of the Philippine Star, also were ordered to pay Mrs. Aquino a total of 2 million pesos (\$80,000) in damages. Both said they would appeal. After the item appeared, Mrs. Aquino, who survived seveo coup attempts,

to the floor.

Senior civil servants in Singapore are taking singing lessons in case they are asked for a tune or two while on official trips overseas. Reuters reports. Late last year Prime Minister Goh Chok

not have hidden under the bed | Tong said he wanted Singapor-because its wooden sides extend | cans to be socially confident overseas, which included being able to sing when asked by their hosts. Since then, about 300 civil servants have signed up for a course called "When asked to sing, I

Arthur Higbee

Masses of Fans, but Few Homemade Films

By Philip Shenon
New York Times Service JAKARTA - Arnold Schwarzenegger, Ke-

vin Costner and Michael Douglas are killing off the film industry in the world's fourth-mostpopulous nation. Foreign films predominate in Indonesia. Ac-

cording to recent entertainment listings in a popular Jakarta oewspaper, 66 of 81 theaters were showing foreign films, most of them As a result, the Indonesian film industry is dying, with fewer than 30 films expected to be

produced this year, half of last year's output. Filmmakers say that what should be an important element of cultural life in Indonesia, a nation of more than 180 million people with an especially rich artistic heritage, is about to dis-

"We are oot being permitted to compete," said A. Rahim Latif, an executive with Ekapraya, an Indonesian film company, "It is like our hands are placed in handcuffs, our legs are bound in chains and then we are told, look, you go out there and compete.'

He and others in the industry say their major problem is a de facto monopoly in film distribution, with one company determining what films are exhibited — and appearing to prefer action films from the United States and Hong

That company is controlled by an Indonesian businessman, Benny Suherman, whose partners include Sudwikatmono, a relative of President Suharto. In Indonesian business, family ties can mean the difference between success and failure.

Even when an Indonesian producer raises enough money to make a film, theater owners prefer a foreign product and, at times, appear to go out of their way to prevent local films from succeeding at the box office.

For example, "Langitku Rumahku," or "My Sky, My Home," was praised at film festivals in Germany, France and the United States, But after one day's showing in Jakarta in November 1990, the film was pulled off screens and never shown again in the capital,

"Even before the second show, the theaters started pulling down the posters," said Slamet Rahardjo, the director of "Langitku Rumahku," a gentle tale of a friendship between two Indonesian boys, one rich, one poor. "The film oever had a chance to attract an audience."

Mr. Rahardjo says he is being punished for his attacks on the distribution system; he has responded with a lawsuit that charges exhibitors with violating their own rules, which require that films play for at least two days. In the first round of the court battle, Mr. Rahardjo

lost, and while he pursues the case he is working as a television director.

Even though American films dominate the market, Hollywood is also unhappy: U.S. stu-dios have been barred from opening offices in Jakarta to oegotiate directly with exhibitors. And because of Indonesia's strict quota on the import of foreign films, many popular Ameri-

can films are never shown here.
"We have oo interest in killing off Indonesian films," said an American film industry official. "Our chief interest is a free market. In a free market, we think both Indooesian and American film producers can flourish and be paid a fair price."

A great fear among Indonesian filmmakers is that the presence of so many American films has led an entire generation to believe that Indonesia is incapable of producing great mov-

"The American films are the best - really the best," said Franky Boyoh, a 29-year-old who waited on a recent Friday night outside a six-screen theater in Jakarta to see the Michael Douglas thriller "Basic Instinct."

"My friends and I always see American films," he said. "There are no good Indonesian movies. If there were good Indonesian movies, maybe I would go see them. But I doo't know if there will ever be good Indonesian movies

Khmer Rouge Refuses to Rejoin **Peace Process**

Agence France Presse

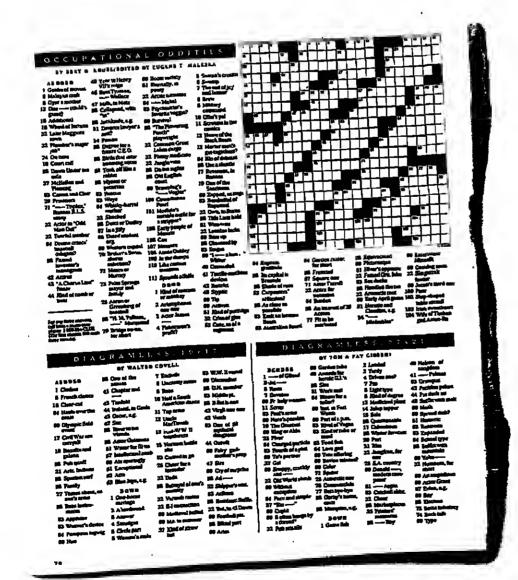
PHNOM PENH - Japan and Thailand have failed to persuade the Khmer Rouge to rejoin the Cambodian peace process, diplomats said Thursday after talks.

"It ended without a conclusive conclusion," Thailand's deputy permanent secretary for foreign affairs, Saroj Chavanaviraj, said after talks here with the Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan.

"As far as Thailand and Japan are concerned, the tripartite meetings are now over."

The UN Security Council had given Japan and Thailand until the end of the mooth to coax the Khmer Rouge guerrilla faction back into the peace process.

Diplomatic sources said Mr. Khieu Samphan refused during the meeting to respood to the oew proposals set forward by Japan and Thailand last week. Instead, he gave a discourse elaborating the Khmer Rouge position.



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clear from the Communist experi-ence. The centralized state is not going to make a good Dobos torta. State-run restaurants are bad enough, but what about hedonistic old Budapest with its -state-run coffeehouses serving the pastry of the people?
For decadent bourgeois pastry lovers, the

good news from Central Europe is that Hungary, like most of its neighbors, has an ambitions privatization program that is reaching into the buttery kitchens of Budapest.

Pastry, being intrinsically decadent, peaked in the twin capitals of the declining Hapsburg empire, Budapest and Vienna. They took the leafy pastry from Turkey for strudel; sweet cheese fillings, chestnuts and chocolate from Italy, and cake decorating from France. The cakes were named after the rich and famous and, as in architecture. the emphasis was on the ornate.

The empire passed into history books more than 70 years ago but pastry has remained important in both Vienna and Budapest. As the Hungarian novelist George Konrad recently wrote about the women of

Budapest, "The decades go by, and still they sit in their hats and silk scarves and eat chocolate cake and whipped cream."

It's not just pastry with Budapest. There is a popular dish that is always translated as "cold goose liver in its own lard." One restaurant in Buda had a "diet" section on the mean offering a crepe filled with mushrooms with a heavy succe. with a heavy sauce.

It is a sensuous city. The hills of Buda, with chestnut trees concealing turn-of-the century mansions, wind down to the wide Dannbe and in the late afternoon a haze the color of cool, pink raspberry cream filters the light on the curving green steeples of flat



crowded Pest across the river. Even in the Communist years, there was more wining and dining here than anywhere else in the

Nor did socialism stop Hungarians from etting silly about cakes. In 1962, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Budapest's most famous cake, the Dobos torta invented by Jozsef Dobos, they paraded a 6-foot (1.8-meter) version of the seven-layer, chocolatecream-filled, caramel-glazed classic through the streets of Budapest.

It is wonderful enough that Budapest has a Hungarian Museum of Commerce and Ca-tering, But, even better, there is a wing of it devoted to pastry. The museum is in the old walled city on the Buda side known as Castle wailed city of the both side known as Cashe Hill. It features tools including a very imposing, 2-foot-high poppy-seed crusher. Among the mementos of the trade is the woody interior of an 1840s candy stop that avoided nationalization in the late 1940s by closing.

There are also labels and memis from all the 19th-century family names like Hauer, Auguszi, Ruszwarm and Gerbeaud names that since the late 1940s have been familiar state institutions. Times are changing again. The state-run Flaner has closed to be revamped as a private konditorei. Auguszt became it tattered little carry-out place behind the market in a busy hub of Buda. It reopened under private ownership three years ago, and now it is looking for period furniture to resurrect the old konditorei. The pastry is a little sloppy. But there is an honest, generous touch to it and that sense of

outrageous excess that is what the tradition is all about. On the Buda bank of the Dannbe by the Margaret Bridge, opposite the many-spired parliament that is once again enlivened with debate, is Angelika, which has found private investors for a half interest. This is n coxy place with low vanited cailings, little marble tables and amber leaded windows and lots of well-dressed women having big bowls of chestnat puree and cream with bottles of Russian champagne. Pastry here can sur-

house on Castle Hill where tourists outnumber locals, which makes a less-than-intiguing cafe amosphere despite the original cherry wood furniture. Here also a private local consortium has bought 50 percent Ruszwurm has the real thing: The caramei wedges of the Dobos torta tilting janntily, and the two thin chocolate layers on the Rigo Jancsiare, filled 2 inches high with a choco-late cream, whose immoderate hiscourages suggests the legendary wife-stealing gypsy violinist after whom the pastry was named.

EST the old ways be forgotten, the Gerbeaud is still state run with that impersonal touch, complete with impumerable staff members that are hard to distract from standing around. Located on Vorosmarty Square in the heart of Pest, it is an elegant old house furnished in the late 19th century with the latest from Paris. Most of the classics can be found here, but they are presented with little flair. Both the Dobos torta and the all-chocolate Sachertorte, which the Viennese houses of Sacher and Demel fought over for years in the courts because Sacher put the jam on the inside and Demel put it on the top im on the inside and Demel put it on the top imder the chocolate glaze, are here presented in n brick for easy shoing.

But even Gerbeaud is seeing change. It can now buy high-quality Belgian chocolate instead of using the inferior local product. And 1000 M G-010 PM pho 10 Pk

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more changes are coming. The state-run Mu-vesz on Pest's most high-toned boulevard. Andrassy Street, still features the exact same pastries as Gerbeaud. But probably not for long because it has found private investors and is breaking away from the state group.

Mark Kurlansky is working on a book about contemporary European Jewry.

Along the Mosel, Riesling Is King

By Howard G. Goldberg New York Times Service

RIER, Germany — The happiest fellow in the Landesmuseum in Trier, Germany's oldest city, is a grinning oarsman on a wine ship carved in sandstone. For him, it isn't important that the fragment, excavated in Neumagen-Dhron. just up the Mosel River, is part of a third-century Roman grave marker. He is spending eternity along-side a barrel of German wine.

Germany's undervalued riesling wine is the world's most versatile food companion, but the middle Mosel Valley has no glitz, no by-perbole, few showpiece high-tech wineries, no upbeat tour guides. Wine is a cottage industry; pizazz in tasting rooms amounts to antiers on the walls, obligatory half-timbered ceilings and klutzy stemware.

But visitors to this riesling heav-en can uncork white 1988s, '89s and '90s that may linger in memory for years. These splendid back-to-back vintages, a ranty in a northern wine country where the climate typically scatters no more than three good vintages across a decade, have rivcted wine lovers' attention on Ger-

The majesty of their best rieslings aside, no other major German wine region — whether the Rhein-gau. Rheinpfalz, Nahe nr Rheinhessen — can match the sce-nic drama of grape-growing in the

HEAR THIS ■ Good news department:

Bartlett's Familiar Quotations bas been updated to include the late 20th century's truly important figures, Wan Kenobi and Jim Morrison. At the same time. 245 authors were retired. You know, people nobody ever heard of.

middle Mosel, where the making of riesling traces to the Middle Ages. The 150 miles (240 kilometers) of the Mosel in Germany wend and loop through the river-carved stone and slate hills, periodically in oxbows, from France through Luxembourg and northeastward to the Rhine at Koblenz. Its gold coast, the middle Mosel, begins south of Zell (home of that amiable plonk Zeller Schwarze Katz) and ends at Mehring, north of Trier.

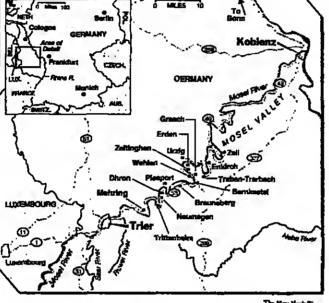
Regiments of riesling vines tied to vertical stakes march from the languid gray waters up steep curving and recurving slopes for miles. Fif-ty-six percent of the Mosel's 31,500 planted acres (about 12,600 hectares) is riesting. Vast vineyards of such minor grapes as Müller-Thurgan, Kerner and Bacchus — the stuff of budget supermarket wines stuff of budget supermarket wines Ruwer, deepened my understanding of riesling's regionwide profile

Riesling is king of Germany's viticulture, the skyline of its domain punctuated by castle ruins. This green late-ripening grape, bungry for all the sun it can find, flourishes particularly on amphi-theater-shaped south-facing slopes of decomposed slate that absorb and radiate the heat into the night. How, one wonders, can workers keep their balance on these 60-degree near-cliffs when planting, pruning and spraying vines and, with baskets strapped to their backs, when harvesting?

As you drive the Mosel Weinstrasse or relax on a white excursion boat and savor the flowery aroma and interplay of peach- and appricotlike fruitiness and snappy acidity of a chilled light young ries-ling poured from the standard green bottle, vineyards laureled by history unfold.

You see such vineyards as the Erdener Treppchen, Erdener Pralat, Urziger Witrzgarten, Zeltinger Sonnenuhr, Wehlener Sonnenuhr, Graacher Domprobst, Graacher Himmelreich, Bernkasteler Doctor, Brauneberger Juffer and Piesporter Goldtröpfchen.

For me, these names hold the



only short drives apart. piquancy — and local idiosyncra-cies like herbal and earthy flavors spawned by geological and microbuy a bottle of two.

HE relaxed pace of visiting two, at most three, wineries daily minimizes distractions and keeps the palate and brain alert enough to detect vineyards' individualism. You need time to focus on the mineral flavorings that, like color dots composing pointillist paintings, define middle Mosel wines. And you need time to grasp the mind-clouding technospeak to which wine-growers are addicted. They go on and on about vineyard yields as measured by hectoliters per hect-are, about Occhsie degrees (a mea-

District cast upon Wordsworth-

sure of grape sugar) and about the volume of acidity in grams per liter. The squeaky-clean villages with whitewashed chalet-style hntels and ims tend to be Old World conservative. Manners can be formal, even stodgy. During vacation periods, Bernkastel-Kues, the en-dearingly kitschy "capital," seems like a parking Int for Europe's whole tour bus fleet. It is easier to For me, these names hold the maneuver in such villages as (north spell that those of England's Lake to south) Enkirch, Erden, Urzig,

Zeltingen, Wehlen, Graach, Brauneberg. Piesport and Trittenheim.

Since the estates tend to be boutique-sized and family-run, with few employees except at harvest, a few receive visitors only on weekends. Most welcome drop-in visitors daily. Visitors are expected to

Nobody goes home thirsty. Villages streets are dotted with signs that invite you for a Weinprobe (wine tasting) in a Weinstube, Pro-bierstube, Winzerstube, Winzerkeller, Gutsschänke, Gutsausschank and Strausswirtschaft — wine pubs. all.

Standout wines can be ordered at hunch or dinner at n charming inn, the Guteshotel des Weingutes Reichsgraf von Kesselstatt, in Neumagen-Dhron. Kesselstatt, based in Trier, is the Mosel-Saar-Ruwer's biggest estate. What could be more refreshing after a day on the slopes and in cellars, than to rest on the lawn, glass in hand, watching the sun disappear and vine-clad hills on the Mosel's opposite bank be-come black silhouettes? The glass should hold a velvety 1990 Spatiese vineyard in Greach. If that sandstone wine-ship cersman in the Tri-er museum could be my flesh-andblood guest, that's what I'd buy him, to show how far Mosel grape

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Print It Yourself? Well, Proust Did

By Roderick Conway Morris

ONDON - With the economy suf-fering a severe cold, British book publishing seems to have contracted full-blown bubonic plague. A literary agent tells me that the editors at one of London's largest publishing houses had been ordered not to buy any new titles for three months "and to make sure all the lights were turned off every time they left their offices." Advances to most authors have been slashed, and even writers who have published five or six titles are having their latest offer-ings unceremoniously rejected by their (erst-while) friendly publishers.

With the prospects of early recovery remote, is there a viable alternative to commercial publishers for writers to whom the possibility of posthumous fame holds limited appeal? One solution is to set up your own publishing company. J. L. Carr, who has consistently produced some of the most original and amusing fiction of the last 25 years, did this long ago. Carr's Quince Tree Press (as it is now called), brings out editions of "standard poets, idiosyncratic maps and unlikely dictionaries," along with his own novels, which have been regularly issued in paperback by Penguin and others and have often won or been nominated for literary prizes.

A less radical course is to venture into the world of vanity publishing. Conventional wisdom dictates that any proper self-respecting author would rather die than resort to this - a position tacitly endorsed by Britain's

108-year-old writer's union, the Society of Authors, which will not accept a new member on the basis of a work to which the author has made any financial contribution.

Some, including members of the society, have recently broken ranks. One such is Frances Thomas. Already the author of two novels and half a dozen children's books, she was working on a biography of the Pre-Raphaelite painter Dante Gabriel Rossetti, when her publishers (the wimps) got cold feet about the project. Thomas decided to go ahead anyway and round up the cash to publish it berself. She chose the Self-Publish-ing Association on the basis, she said, that they seemed a cut above the general run of vanity publishers and "appeared to take a genuine pride in the product — which did indeed turn out to be so."

Contrary to immutable literary lore that such books are never reviewed. Thomas's "Christina Rossetti" received glowing notices and ample praise for the attractiveness and quality of its production, and it has been selling steadily. Thomas did take the trouble to write letters to literary editors when the review copies went out, and whether this was the key to softening their flinty hearts, some certainly seem to have responded

"If we're asked about going to vanity publishers," Mark Le Fann, the general secretary of the Society of Authors, said at their London headquarters, "Our gut reaction, is still: Don't. There are lots of sharks in that pond, and it's an area fraught with difficulties. If, however, it's a highly specialized book, or say

market for it I might say: What about publishing it yourself? This can even be quite lucrative. There are various guidebooks that tell you how to go about it. Though, if it's a novel, self-publishing is out."

RIC Lane, the director of Dedahis, a sparky and successful small (non-vanity) publisher, agreed that self-publishing was preferable to paying a vanity publisher. "Not only will you get ing a vamity publisher: "Not only will you get a greater level of satisfaction, but it should certainly be a lot cheaper." Lane gave the figure of around £3,000 (about \$4,800) as the kind of budget he would have for a 2,000-print run of a 224-page, unillustrated book—half, or less, the sums currently charged by vanity publishers (and perhaps more like a third of the money asked by sharper operators).

How many masterpieces have seen the light of day because the author was able and prepared to put his money as well as his soul o the enterprise? Not many, to be sure. On the other hand, there was that aspiring, middle-aged French writer who, in 1913, after several rejections in desperation offered to pay a publisher to bring his book out. The publisher agreed and had it printed - without even reading the manuscript. The book? The first volume of "A la Recherche du Temps Perdu," by Marcel Proust.

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HOVIE

Morte di un Matematico Directed by Mario Montone,

Of the many films that attempt to capture the tortured, unhappy essence of human genius, Morte di un Matematico Napoletano" (Death of n Neapoli-tan Mathematician) is one of the most decorous, and as such one of the most successful. Based on the life of Renato Caccioppoli, the Neapolitan mathematician and professor who committed suicide in May 1959, the film presents Caccioppoli during the final seven days of his life. As Caccioppoli, Car-lo Cecchi is impeccable, conveying the mathematician's

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chronic detachment, an ironic suffering so entrenched and constant as to have long surpassed the realm of pain. As illustrated in a scene with his former wife, Paula (Anna Bon-ainto), in which Caccioppoli replies in self-contained axioms as Paula attempts to review their union and separation, life for Caccioppoli has been re-duced to a series of inconfutable equations, none of which offer the slightest possibility of change ar hope. This is not the usual portrait of the alienated intellectual or artist, and for good reason. Unlike the music of Mozart or the paintings of van Gogh, the brilliance of a mathematician can hardly be assessed by a lay audience. Wisely, Montone avoids trying to convey the specifics of Cac-cioppoli's brilliance, just as he

avoids trying to explain the origins of his unhappiness. And the figure of the mathematician, silhouetted against the vivid, contradictory backdrop of late 1950s Naples, becomes compre-bensible, Caccioppoli is who he is, and like a figure in a Greek tragedy, he glides incluctably toward his destiny, leaving his many friends at the funeral and the audience - to sort out

(Ken Shulman, IHT) Un Coour en Hiver

Directed by Claude Sautet. France.

the whys and wherefores.

Since the '60s, Claude Sautet has operated like a physician at the bedside of the bourgeoisie, delicately examining the ills and ennois that arise from rich cuisine, a surfeit of romantic attach-ments and betrayals. Adapted from a story by Lermontov ("Princess Mary"), his new film takes place in the rarified milien of Parisian musicians: Camille Emmanuelle Béart), a violinist, lives with Maxime (André Dussollier), a man of easy charm, but she is seduced by his closest friend, Stephane (Daniel Anteril), whose heart is entombed in deep freeze. Sautet manages to stretch out suspense with tant bowstrings and performances, looks of muted longing and abundant table talk. It all takes place in a muffled environment

and you keep wishing they apple tart. (Joan Dupont, IHT)

Nurses Directed by Shunichi Nagasaki, Japan,

One of the more promising of the young directors, Shumichi Nagasaki earlier made experi-mental films and off-beat commercial features, such as "The Enchantment." Now he has hit the big time. A major company has backed him, provided a large budget and given him a star. The result begins in a promising manner. A young nurse on a movie date sits unmoved as the monster munches the heroine and her date winces. She has seen far worse in the operating room. Finnlly, though, she fakes fear. After all, she is on n date — got to be polite. But then plot takes over. Soccer jock comes in, may lose leg, never to kick again, nurses feel awful. At the same time they are terribly overworked and ready to quit. But when one finally does, she returns when jock hobbles out onto the field and everyone cries. The ending finds these sisters of mercy treading the corridors with candles illuminating their screne faces as they sing "Silent Night" to their beaming charges. Even a splendidly mature performance from ex-pop star Hiroko Yakushimaru cannot save the film. After all, the big company didn't put all that money just to make something

original Eventually Nagasaki is floored by his budget.
(Donald Richie, IHT)

Reservoir Dogs Directed by Quentin Tarantino. U.S.

If Quentin Tarantino's gritty, bone-chilling, powerfully violent new film, "Reservoir Dogs," doesn't pin your ears back, nothing ever will. The movie, which zeros in on the anatomy of a diamond heist, and, beyond that, the flimsy notion of honor among a temporarily assembled gang of Los Angeles thieves, is as tic as battery acid. It's brotal, it's funny and you won't forget it. Tarantino, who's a prod-



Daniel Auteuil and Emmanuelle Béart in Coeur en Hiver."

uct of the Sundance Institute's Director's Workshop, does a righteons job for a first-time director of sketching in the atmospherics of this small-time desperado universe. He has a keen sense of the thythms of the lingo. the BS, role-playing and poker-faced bravado. Beyond everything, though, "Reservoir Dogs" is a testosterone meltdown; in its aggressiveness, it's 100 percent. male. (There's not a single for male speaking part.) I do have one question, though: Is this what the men's movement was all about? (Hai Hinson, W?)

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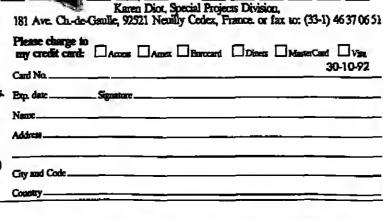
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Making a Craft Turkey's Pa Of Turkey's Past A Revival in Ceramics

By Barbara Rosen

FENICEABAT KOYU, Turkey — In every bowl that Turgut Tuna makes, there is much more than nartz and lead, cobalt and iron. here is history.

Tuna is one of a growing school Turkish ceramists who are lookg back to go forward. A bearded car of a man, he spends more time th his nose in books than with his ands in clay. Studying printed latter, museum catalogues, anque pieces and analyses of exca-ated shards, he reaches back cross the centuries to glean the est that has been in Turkish cetmics from 6000 B.C. to today. hen, through re-creation and inovation, he brings it back to life.

"These are not the persons." Tuma says of his pieces. There are today's understanding and today's needs to cover. But the lanning, and the sourcing, are om the old-time samples."
In the studio behind Tuna's

in the studio beautiful mall, white house in this colorful illage about 10 kilometers (6 niles) outside the city of Bursa, oung women carefully copy de-rigns from museum catalogues igns from museum catalogues. Tuna, 47, tops to warn one to stay at least 20 o 25 centimeters (about 8 to 10

profile a 26-year-old ceramist, as well as students, local workers and, nost importantly, his wife, Meliha, 35. Besides research and teaching. Tuna deals with design, organiza-tion and buying. His studio pro-luces just 200 signed pieces a month. Some are sold in shops,

others to the Ministry of Culture, which shows and sells them in mu-- seums and at international exhibitions like Seville's Expo '92. "This is not a production factory, but a working laboratory," Tuna says. Turkish ceramics were once world-renowned for their finesse,

especially those produced in the town of Iznik in the 16th century. The best of Iznik tiles, with their u delicate floral and abstract motifs - : and their vibrant greens, reds and - blues, live on in the mosques of Istanbul. But the fine jugs and : bowls - the things used in every-vior appreciated or protected. The Copkapi Palace in Istanbul boasts case after case of fine porcelain - : treasured by the sultans who lived there - but it's all Chinese and European.

"They kept the Turkish Iznik things in the kitchen," says the art historian Zeynep Rona. They never thought it was something impor-tant. The Chinese was something precious, so they kept it in the trea-

As the Ottoman Empire declined, so did the orders for fine ceramics. Over the years, many secrets of the craft were lost. And until recently, there was little interest in finding them. But particularly in the last decade, a new appreci-ation has dawned, spurred by a 1989 exhibition at Istanbul's Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art which brought together the finest

surviving Izmk pieces.

"There's been a snowballing interest," says Julian Raby, lecturer in Islamic art at the University of Oxford. "It's part of a larger reappreciation of the Ottoman past, which had largely been vilified up until the early '80s."

N re-creating ancient pieces, Tuna tries to stick to the original form, color and decoration. But he also strives to update them to today's needs and abilities. Some things once shaped by hand are now formed in a mold. A statue of a bull, once used in a Hittite ritual, is today simply decorative. A Phrygian goat that once carried liquor becomes a teapot; Tuna put a larger hole in the top, and a beard below the spout to catch drops. He re-creates some Seljuk tiles for use as trivets.

Unlike many of his contemporaries, Tuna uses the traditional, higher proportion of quartz in his ich is harder on a paintbrush, and makes the tiles more fragile. Yet, he updated the ingredients in an 11th-century scalloped howl, using a mixture of sand from seven Turkish regions; originally, the sand would have come from oear where the piece was made. As in the old days, the natural minerals in Tona's dyes, such as oxides of cobalt, copper and iron, come from all over the world. In

creating the formulas, he studies, for example, analyses of archaeological finds. His cobalt and lighter blue are very good, Rona says, and his turquoise "is almost true." But "nobody's got the red yet," she says of the rich coral that, on Iznik pieces, produced a raised surface when fired.

Tuna may stray from the original designs by necessity — sometimes be is copying a pattern found on an excavated shard — or by choice. In choosing shape, design and motif invitation to sit down and drink for each piece, he and Meliha draw some tea — it doesn' from their own creativity as well as you have to buy.



Turgut and Meliha Tuna at their ceramics studio.

creations are inspired by and fall within the traditional framework, savs Rona

"His technique is perfect," says Sahika Unal, a consultant to the Ministry of Culture.

"I don't try to be a Superman," Tuna says. "My aim for duplicating the Iznik or the older civilizations is to get in connection with the hackground of my people, and to show them [to] everybody . . . the re-membrance of the old cultures." Today, the town of Kutahya is a

center of ceramic production in Turkey. But despite the presence of some true artists, experts say, much of Kutahya's production is done en masse for tourists, and what comes to be known as "Turkish ceramics" today is often heavy, and far from fine. Colors smudge in the baking.

Barbara Rosen is a The tulip, a classic Iznik motif journalist living in Paris.

their research. Yet, even Tuna's clearly identifiable as a two-colored flower with distinct petals on a 1575 plate, appears as an almost unrecognizable bud on a modern Kutahya piece. Moreover, Unal adds, "They are

taking the traditional cloth patterns and putting them on ceramics."

"They all are repeating themselves," Nazan Olcer, director of
the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art, says of the Kutahya work-shops. "The shade of the past is so heavy. . . . After awhile they are

losing maybe their interesting But some ceramists, like Tuna, are rediscovering the traditional craft and moving it forward, offer-ing a ray of hope. "They are trying to go their own ways," Olcer says,

Barbara Rosen is a free-lance

Bazaar Treasures

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Do look beyond the bazaar for souvenirs. Museum shops, for example, offer high-quality traditional goods at stillaffordable prices.

Bad Times Keep Business Moving

By Roger Collis
International Herald Tribuna

→ HE message from the business community seems to be: as the going gets tough, the tough get going. Despite, or because of, the recession, Americans are continuing to spend heavily on business travel, especially international trips.

U. S. companies are sending more em-ployees on the road to meet colleagues and customers and are also taking more aggressive steps to control travel costs.

These are some of the key findings in the 1992-93 American Express Survey of Travel

Management.

It reviews the practices of 1,550 U.S. companies, government and academic organizations. U.S. companies are expected to spend \$130 billion on travel and entertain-ment in 1993, the third-largest controllable

The Frequent Traveler

expense after salaries and data processing; an increase from \$115 billion in 1990 and \$70 billion a decade ago.

More than 67 percent of the companies polled said they had either increased or maintained business travel spending since 1990.

"It's a fascinating paradox," says Jud Linville, vice president, consulting services at

American Express in New York.

"We've found it startling that business travel expenditures should be truly be up in a "More senior executives are traveling to

be out with customers and colleagues to show their face in these uncertain economic times - making sure that everyone understands the business is on the right footing." He also notes among American multina-tional companies "an immense focus on the quality process - total quality management,

standing for what your customer wants. It's really, 'walking a mile in their shoes.' "We're also seeing business travel extend-ing to people much lower down in the organization than ever before. All part of any

whatever you call it - to capture under

quality program.
"Employees wi ployees who may oot have traveled regularly in the past are getting out frequently to meet with customers or attend internal team meetings and training programs in the

"A company may send people with direct front-line contact out to visit the client so that they too understand what customer's experiencing, oot just the marketing and sales, but people who will be managing the

Nearly half (47 percent) of the companies surveyed claim that they are "extremely successful" or "very successful" at controlling travel and entertainment costs -up from 38 percent in 1990.

Companies certainly seem to be demand-ing more of traveling executives: 52 percent make everybody fly economy class com-pared to 37 percent in 1990; only 26 percent

treat senior executives differently in air travel compared to 37 percent; and 58 percent direct people to use hotels where the compaoy gets a special rate, compared to 42 per-cent in 1990.

The survey is a 235-page mine of data, analysis and recommendations, bristling with statistics covering all imaginable breakdowns and permutations of travel management and how and where different types and sizes of companies are spending their travel dollars.

The best approach to this tome is first to look at bow companies similar to yours are handling their travel, and then to see bow

well you score in cost control.
"We talk about four key areas of travel and entertainment management," Linville

First the setting and communicating of travel policies — oot all companies do that; second is travel purchasing, effective negotiating with the travel agent, and making sure travelers are booking with that agent; third is payment methods — there is an immense bottom line dollar impact sometimes huodreds of thousands outstanding in cash advances; and the fourth is expense report processing oo the trip itself."

Each of these sections has scoring models that allow you to "benchmark" the success of your own travel and entertainment management efforts against companies with similar spending patterns in the industry. You do this by answering the questionnaire used in the survey (at the back of the book), then adding up the score to see where you are on a 100-point scale.

A score of 40 or less in any area means lax control - you are almost certainly wasting money on travel and entertainment and vulnerable to abuse; companies scoring between 41 and 80 are exercising moderate control - more or less effectively balancing control with comfort and convenience for their travelers; and companies scoring 81 or more are highly restrictive and making life a misery for all concerned.

Scope for improvement in travel and entertainment control is seen from the average national scores, which range from 64 on payment methods to 39 on travel arrangements.

The degree of control that's right for a particular company will probably depend largely on its culture and type of activity. Being lax in, say, travel arrangements does not oecessarily mean that you're doing the wrong thing. You may want to give considerable latitude to people going out to negotiate multimilion dollar deals.

Insisting that they take the "lowest logical air fare" can be plain stupid. Consulting firms often don't care very much about cost

if they're not picking up the tab.
For Linville the ideal model is a company scoring "high in the moderate range." The travel policy is reviewed and distributed anoually; executives must take the lowest fare available within an hour before or after their requested departure time, but one-stops or connections are not mandated.

There is a "preferred" hotel directory, and reasonahleness guidelines" for meals. The assistant to the corporate controller is responsible for managing the travel and entertainment hudget and all reservations are made through one travel agent.

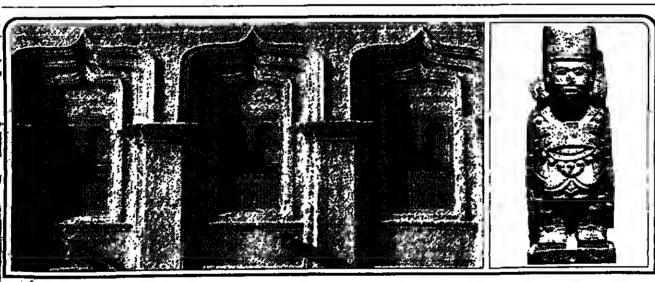
XPENSE advances are limited to \$50 a day, and corporate charge cards are individually billed to travelers to avoid excessive central administration.

This exercise should enable you to identify specific areas where you oeed guidance. The book cootains models and checklists for every contingency — from fares, hotel and car rental policies, to selecting a travel agent and setting up a billing system. What you won't learn from the AMEX

survey is whether companies' traveling habits and patterns have changed since many executives were forcibly grounded during the Gulf War and having learned to live with videoconferencing, phooe, and fax: Is the trip occessary? What have you achieved?

The survey is mainly about accounting control of travel and entertainment. Travelers should justify oot only the expense of a trip but what they actually achieved.

For instance, there is no point in having a rule requiring 12 company signatures before an agent can issue a ticket if there is oo regulation requiring checking on why somebody flies out Friday evening when the busi-oess meeting is oot till Monday afternoon.



Left, facade in "Yemen: Architecture Millénaire," Paris; and Toltec figure, "The Art of Ancient Mexico," London.

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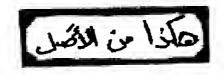
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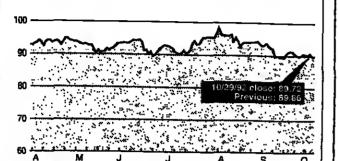


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Microsoft Girds for Attack On More Software Markets

WALL STREET WATCH

By John Markoff New York Times Service

TEW YORK - Microsoft, the largest U.S. software publisher, has been on a roll recently. In the past 12 months, its stock has shot up 50 percent, making William H. Gates, the chairman who holds more than onethird of the company's stock, the richest American. Microsoft's first quarter, which ended in September, was a spectacular one, with carnings of \$209 million, or 70 cents a share, on record revenue of \$818 million. Full-year earnings per share are expected to top \$3 in 1993, up from \$2.41 this year.

The company's Windows computer-control program continues to sell briskly, and the spread-

believes it will have

sheet and word-processor businesses are spinning off cash at Not everyone an impressive rate.

But not everyone on Wall Street believes that Microsoft easy sledding. will have such easy sledding in its new ventures. Also, an acri-

monious debate continues over whether what's good for Microsoft is good for the personal-computer industry as a whole. While Microsoft is seeing record earnings, many of its software competitors are suffering on Wall Street.

Aldns, Symantec Lotus, Software Publishing, Borland and Wordstar, for example, have lost from 25 to 75 percent of their 1991 year-end value this year. Large software distributors are also down over the past

Egghead Software's stock has fallen from a high of \$30.75 to \$9.75 at the close of over-the-counter trading on Thursday, and Corporate Software has plunged to \$10.75, from \$19.25.

Some analysts say Microsoft will have a tough time meeting its goals to enter two new markets: personal-computer networking software and databases, the last two pieces of the personal computer software marketplace in which it does not have a commanding

This week, Microsoft introduced its newest version of Windows, called Windows for Workgroups. Until now, networking software, a market dominated by Novell Inc., has been Microsoft's Achilles' heel. Its Lan Manager networking program has languished, while competitors like IBM and Lotus developed partnerships with

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GM Reports Big, but Slimmer, Loss

DETROIT - General Motors Corp. reported Thursday a third-quarter loss of 5752.9 million, nearly \$100 million less than it had forecast and a sharp improvement from a year earlier.

GM's bottom line was bolstered by strong earnings from its Electronic Data Systems
Corp. and GM Hughes Electronics Corp.
subsidiaries, as well as accelerated cost cuts.
But losses in its core automotive operations caused by shuggish markets gobbled up the

The company said the rest of 1992 "could remain difficult if the economy doesn't show signs of rapid improvement."

GM shares declined 37.5 cents Thursday

on the New York Stock Exchange, ending at

The automaker said its operations in Europe were profitable in the third quarter and nine months, although it would not provide figures. A GM executive said that 1.24 million Opel/Vauxhall units were sold in Europe during the nine-month period, down slightly from 1.25 million a year earlier. "Unit sales were up in 12 European markets, with market share rising in 10 markets," the executive said.

GM's chairman, Robert C. Stempel, announced his resignation on Monday after weeks of pressure from the board, which believed he was not moving quickly enough

tn stem losses.
But Mr. Stempel, who is remaining as chairman until a successor is chosen, and President John F. Smith Jr. said GM's cost-

reduction program was ahead of schedule. "Aggressive cost-cutting activities are being intensified, and plans to streamline GM into a lean, flexible and highly competitive organization are being implemented at an accelerated rate," they said.

Sales for the quarter increased to \$29.4 billion from \$28.9 billion, But GM continued to be planted by used. Meet Aggression was

to be plagued by weak North American vehi-cle sales, which dropped 9.4 percent, to 930,000 units, from a year earlier.

GM refused to say how big the loss was in its domestic vehicle operations for the quar-ter. The company posted a record \$7 billion loss in those operations last year. The 1992 results included a charge of \$40 million associated with an accounting change

er, when the loss totaled \$1.06 hillion, the third-quarter loss pushed GM's combined loss for the past 11 quarters to more than \$10.5 billion.

and a \$749 million restructuring charge related to operations at Hughes Aircraft. The 1991 results included charges of \$539.2 million associated with accounting changes.

Among its units, EDS reported earlier that third-quarter net income increased 15 per-cent, to \$167.3 million, while GM Hughes said its third-quarter earnings more than tripled, to \$155.2 million from \$38.1 million.

General Motors Acceptance Corp., the automaker's finance subsidiary, earned \$301 million in the third quarter, down 13 percent from \$346 million in the year-ago period.

Among the Big Three U.S. automakers, only Chrysler managed to show a profit in the third quarter, traditionally a weak earnings period for automakers because of summer factory shutdowns for model changeovers and end-of-the-model-year discounting. On Wednesday, Ford Motor Co. reported a third-quarter loss of \$159 million. last week reported earnings of \$202 million.

"Chrysler proved to have the truer costcutting program in effect and they, of course, showed a profit," said Arvid Jouppi, auto analyst at Keane Securities. "But they all did

better than expected in this kind of economy."
(UPI, Bloomberg, AP)

New Chief Faces An Early Deadline

By Doron P. Levin New York Times Service

DETROIT - As General Motors Corp.'s board prepares to promote Juhn F. Smith Jr. to chief executive on Monday, directors are signaling that he will have six months to one year to prove he can perform radical surgery on the antomaker.

People close to the board said directors had decided for now to

exclude non-GM candidates from consideration to run the company, although at least one group of former Chrysler executives has discussed its interest in running GM with representatives of the GM

But if a year goes by and Mr. Smith fails to cut costs, trim excess capacity and win back customers, GM's directors might be forced to consider someone with proved abilities as a turnaround expert. "It's highly unlikely one outsider could ever do it. It would take a whole corps," said a former executive.

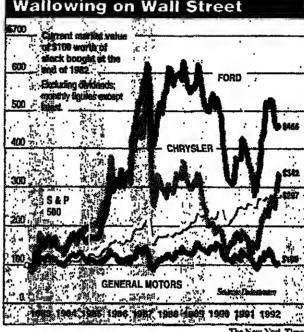
Another problem for GM is its standing on Wall Street, and the returns say it all —few stocks have been worse lemons in the last 10 years than that of General Motors. An investor who bought \$100-worth of shares each in GM, Ford

and Chrysler at the end of 1982 could not have predicted how widely the returns would vary. Not counting dividends, the \$100 invested in Ford would now be worth \$465.91. The investment in Chrysler would also have fared well, now being worth \$342.25. But the \$100 kept in GM stock for almost a decade would be

worth only \$109.42. By contrast, \$100 invested in the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index would be worth \$297.33.

A key test for Mr. Smith, who is known as Jack, will be next year's contract negotiations with the United Automobile Workers union.

GM's labor costs are the highest in the auto industry because of its



generous job security benefits, but it suffers frequent work stoppages because of acrimony between union locals and plant managements.

"The important thing is not just to cut people. You've got to motivate the ones who are left," said Jay W. Lorsch, a professor at

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Tomkins Agrees To Buy Ranks, **Besting Hanson**

on Thursday with a £952 million

on Inursay with a 2952 million (S1.5 billion) friendly takeover ofter for Ranks Hovis McDougall PLC, the baker and food processor.

The offer is higher than the £780 million hostile bid that Hanson PLC made on Oct. 5, which Ranks Hovis rejected, and opens up the possibility of a hruising battle between twn of Britain's largest conween twn of Britain's largest conelomerates.

"With the support of manage-ment, we can press ahead to develop the inherent strengths in RHM and its subsidiaries," said Gregory Hutchings, chief executive of Tom-kins. "The offer is good for Tumkins' sharehnlders, gnod fur RHM's shareholders and good for both nur companies.

Mr. Hutchings said Tomkins's move was not a reaction in the Hanson bid, "This recommended offer follows months of research and detailed preparation," he said.
"We commenced friendly discussions with RHM in September and have been buying RHM shares since May."

Lord Hanson, chairman of the rival conglomerate, called the move "astonishing," and urged Ranks Hovis shareholders to "take no action for the time being.

He said, however, that he was considering the development "in the light of the new information about RHM that has been made available." Ranks Hovis forecast Thursday that its pretax profit for 1992 would be not less than £92 million, well below the £150.2 million reported in 1991.

In a bid to remain independent, Ranks Hovis proposed less than two weeks ago to split itself into three separate companies, giving shareholders a stake in each one. Ranks Hovis Chairman Stanley Metcalfe said the board viewed Thursday's offer as an "acceptable and realistic" alternative to the value shareholders would have received in the spin-off plan.

Some analysts suggested that any new Hanson bid to top the

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LONDON — Tomkins PLC
startled the London stock market

Tomkins offer might prove too expensive to justify, although others
would not rule out such a move.

"I think Hanson will walk away — the opportunity is nn longer a good one for it at this price," said Geoff Allum, an analyst at County

"The only credible higher bid you could envisage was if a food company wanted to overbid" Tomkins, said John Campbell, an analyst at County Natwest, "but the price already appears pretty full." "It looks like a done deal," said

Eileen Marsh, analyst at Lehman Brothers International, since manngement had agreed to the deal. She added that Hanson was "not likely in want to get involved in a

Nonetheless, many analysts were puzzled over why Tomkins, whose existing husinesses range from Smith & Wesson handguns tn lawnmowers and hicycles to plumbing products, would want to buy Ranks Hovis.

While Tomkins has a solid re-cord of acquisitions, "there's no synergy, is there?" Mr. Campbell said. "I can't think of a sensible reason" for Tomkins to enter the food industry, he said, so its rea-sons are probably financial,

"I have rarely seen an analysts' meeting as skeptical," said an analyst who attended a hriefing in London on the hid. "There were mutterings about this being a deal

too far." Ranks Hovis shares rose 21.5 pence, to 273 pence, after the news. while Tomkins dropped 46 pence to 213, Hanson, meanwhile, eased 4 pence, to 227.

Although there are no apparent links between Tomkins and Ranks Hovis, when Tomkins has made acquisitions in the past it "improved them by rationalization," Ms. Marsh said. Based on its track record, Tomkins will probably keep and try to improve all of Ranks Hovis's businesses rather than sell them off piecemeal, she said, "The track record which Tom-

kins has established of retaining See TOMKINS, Page 13

Daimler Buys Into Fokker Germans to Get 51% of Dutch Plane Maker

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

AMSTERDAM - After a long engagement and considerable wranging with the Dutch state nver the dowry, the Dutch aircraft maker Fokker NV and Germany's Deutsche Aerospace AG finally agreed Thursday to become partners in bringing a range of new airliners to the market.

Deutsche Aerospace, a unit of Daimler-Benz AG, will pay 880 million guilders (\$509 million) for a 51 percent stake in the Dutch company.

Deutsche Aerospace will huy 10.6 million shares from the state and 13.2 million new shares. There is no general offer to other shareholders.

"We have agreed with DASA, after negotiations that were not always easy, to a price of 37 guilders a share," said the Dutch economics minister, Koos Andriessen, in a letter to parliament. "I believe that

DASA can be a good partner for Fokker."

The Dutch government currently holds 31.8 percent of Fokker, which it will relinquish to the German company and to other private investors over the next

The agreement is subject to completion of the German company's planned examination of Fokker's financial records, Mr. Andriessen said.

For Fokker, one of the smallest players in a de-pressed and highly competitive airliner market, the deal represents freedom to develop 70- and 130-seat

ets based on the existing Fokker 100 with the security of a financially strong partner.

Fokker had to be rescued by the state in 1987 when the cost of developing two new jets simultaneously

became too great. For Deutsche Aerospace, it represents a leap into the small jet market and a saving over the estimated \$2.5 billion cost of designing a range of small airliners

The Dutch state, for its part, will have succeeded in keeping key aerospace technology within the country and assuring employment for Fokker's work force of about 12,000.

Talks began in March and a basic agreement was reached in July but the tough bargaining dragged on because the July agreement failed to address a number of key issues.

Trade Talks

Reuters

These issues ranged from share price on the sale to how much Fokker would pay in future for fuselages pact appeared to have made profrom Messerschmitt-Bölkow-Blohm GmbH, a subsid-

iary of Deutsche Acrospace. The earlier agreement also left out guarantees the covernment was seeking from Dentsche Acrospace for the continued production of Fokker's 50-seat F-50

The transaction will provide Fokker with 488.4 illion guilders of critically needed capital. Fokker would have faced a payments crisis had an agreement not been achieved soon.

Meanwhile. Fokker has continued to build aircraft despite a slowdown in orders and has recently borrowed 660 million guilders, with some industry analysts estimating that deht may have reached 800 milhon guilders or more.

"It is still a very uncertain future for 1992 and 1993, mainly because of the problems in the airlines," said Richard Brakenhoff, analyst at the merchant bank Pierson Heldring & Pierson.

Profit this year is reckoned to be no higher than 38 million guilders and some analysts believe Fokker may only be able to break even. In 1991, the company recorded a profit of 42.2 million guilders.

The Dutch state will retain a three-year veto on important issues and will continue to nominate a member of the supervisory board up to the year 2000. Officials noted that the agreement, which is considered as a foundation to a contract that has not yet been finalized, will be signed soon by the Dutch govern-

ment and representatives of the companies. A spokesman for Deutsche Aerospace said that the final contract needed the approval of the supervisory

The dispute about the depth of cuts in farm subsidies is holding up boards of both companies as well as of the appropriate Dutch parliamentary committees. (Reuters, AP) on Tariffs and Trade pact.

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Signs of Hope **Emerge for**

BRUSSELS - A week of EC-U.S. talks to rescue a global trade gress Thursday after Britain said it expected meetings between the two sides over the weekend.

Even France signaled that an agreement might be near. Paris has so far stoutly resisted any deal on farm subsidies before the U.S. election on Tuesday.

But the French industry and trade minister, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, said negotiations were at a critical stage, adding that a breakthrough could come at any time. His farm colleague, Jean-Pierre Soisson, said when asked whether a pact would be signed before the U.S. election: "I am not in favor of

it, but I don't know." Mr. Soisson said Monday that most EC farm ministers agreed with him that there must be no deal

before the election. France is the Community's biggest agricultural producer, and it fears that any EC-US. deal might alienate its already irate farmers. French legislative elections must be held by March.

France could still veto an accord when the time comes for EC governments to ratify it.

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France Cuts Rate As Germany Holds

PARIS - After surviving an assault on the franc last month, the French government on Thursday cut a key interest rate back to its pre-crisis level but said that easier money and broader policies of economic stimulus were still needed throughout Europe to restore

In Frankfurt, though, the Bundesbank left German interest rates unchanged following a regular meeting of its rate-setting council, sending a message that it is not yet ready to allow high European borrowing costs to fall further.

While analysts still believe that Germany's trend-setting interest rates are headed down over the next few months as its economy staggers toward recession, Bundesbank President Helmut Schlesinger warned investors not to expect too much right away.

"Market participants are continuously raising horizons for a decline in interest rates in a very short period, and if this does not happen they are very disappointed." Mr. Schlesinger said in a magazine interview. "And we do not need disappointments." European stocks closed lower and the dollar finished mixed in London as the widely expected decision by the Bandesbank added to general pessimism about the economic nutlook. The European component of the International Herald Tribune World Stock Index eased 0.22 percent, while the overall Trib Index was 0.16

percent lower. The franc moved little against the mark, settling in Paris at 3.3911 DM after 3.3925 late Wednesday.

In France, where government officials are desperate to revive a sluggish economy that has been further battered by the recent wave of currency instability, there were calls for leading European nations to work together to boost spending. They acknowledged there was little Paris could dn on its own.

"In believe that one country alone can relaunch growth is an illusion," said Dominique Strauss-Kahn, France's industry minister, at a conference of industrial leaders. "But at a European level there could be concerted action, particularly concerning the level of interest rates or major public infrastructure."

Mr. Strauss-Kahn said that Prime Minister John Major of Britain was already moving in such a direction, while Germany and Italy, which are both trying to pursue more fiscal austerity to deal with internal problems, may be ready to support some coordinated stimulus as their own economic difficulties worsen.

"Are we or are we not able to convince all our partners?" he asked. "I am beginning to think so."

Michel Sapin, the French finance minister, also said he was

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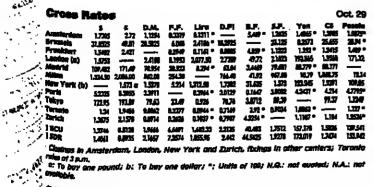
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Russia Inflation Rate Now 1,300% a Year

By Fred Hiatt ngton Post Service

MOSCOW -- Inflation in Russia is running at 5 percent a week or more than 1,300 percent a year, threatening to gallop into hyperinflation that could fatally undermine the reforms of President Boris N. Yeltsin, the government reported Thursday.

The Center for Economic Reform, acting Prime Minister Yegor T.

Gaidar's economic research institute, reported that the inflation rate, after holding steady through the summer, had picked up sharply at the beginning of September and has been racing ever since. Sergei Vasiliev, head of the center, said the chief culprit was the central bank, which operates outside Mr. Gaider's control and which in May began loosening credit restraints for unprofitable state-owned enterprises unhappy with Mr. Gaidar's market reforms. The

rate of increase in credit growth grew from about 30 percent a month in May to about 60 percent a month in August. "It's a very, very dangerous situation, no question," said Richard Layard, an adviser to the Gaidar government and faculty member at

the London School of Economics.

the credit granted by the central bank is still sitting in commercial banks, unloaned and so not playing as much of an inflationary role as it might. Pointing to statistics showing that consumers are not

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Mr. Layard said the situation was not hopeless because much of

ended mixed Monday, hurt by elec- son, senior vice president in equity tion jitters and slumps in some heavily traded issues.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 5.13 points, to 3,246,27, but advancing issues outnumbered declin-

N.Y. Stocks

ing stocks by about a 4-to-3 margin on the New York Stock Exchange.
The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 0.73, to 420.86, and the Nasdaq composite gained 4.44, to 605.83.

Trading was active as more than 200 million shares changed hands on the Big Board for the ninth time in the last 11 sessions. "The election debate is keeping a

lid on stock prices," said Hugh Johnson, chief investment strategist at First Albany Corp. "People are trying to figure out what a Bill Clinton victory means to the stock and bond markets in the very short

The latest polls show that President George Bush is gaining ground on the Democratic candidate, Bill Clinton. One poll shows Mr. Clinton's lead as small as 2 points, while others give him a 7- to 10-point lead.
"If Clinton is losing, I think we

NEW YORK - U.S. stocks stocks for sale," said Robal Johntrading at Kidder, Peabody & Co. Pullutinn-control stocks were

among the worst-performing is-sues. Waste Management fell % to 38. Browning-Ferris ¼ to 23¼ and Rollins Environmental Services fell 12 to 12.

International oil stocks were down the most, however. The de-cline was triggered by BP, which said the Cusiana oil field in Colom-bia did not bold as much oil as analysts had thought. BP, Total and Triton Energy are partners in developing the oil field. (Page 13). BP fell % to 44%, Triton plunged 4% to 38% and Total's American

depositary receipts fell ¼ to 23%. IBM and Chevron were among the heavily traded stocks that slid. IBM, the third-most-active issue, fell 1% to 66 and Chevron dropped

Teléfonos de México was the

most active stock, rising 1% to 50% after the company reported better-than-expected earnings.

Marriott fell ¼ to 20 after five shareholders sued the company. The investors allege that Marriott violeted contributes have violated securities laws when the hotel chain said it would split into

Rates and U.S. Election Weigh on the Dollar

NEW YORK - The dollar was mixed Thursday, as would-be bulls were discouraged by uncertainty over the U.S. presidential election and a surprising rise in German

inflation. The dollar closed in New York at German inflation was too high, suggesting a firmer line on interest 1.5378 DM, down from 1.5445 DM Foreign Exchange

on Wednesday, and at 123.25 yen, up from 122.15 yen. The U.S. currency also was at meeting on Thursday.

1.3730 Swiss francs, down from § 1:3743 francs, and 5.2140 French francs, down from 5.2385 francs.

weeks," said Morris Armstrong, manager of foreign exchange for GiroCredit.

tion in October forced German money rates in retrace some of namic recovery. their recent fall, which further dimmed bopes for a near-term cut

"Given the circumstances, the dollar's done well to bold above initiatives in his Mansion House speech Thursday night. He said the country should push for economic the closeness of the election race is growth built on "sensible" governparalyzing the market and divert-ment spending and the lowest posing attention from rate differen- sible interest rates.

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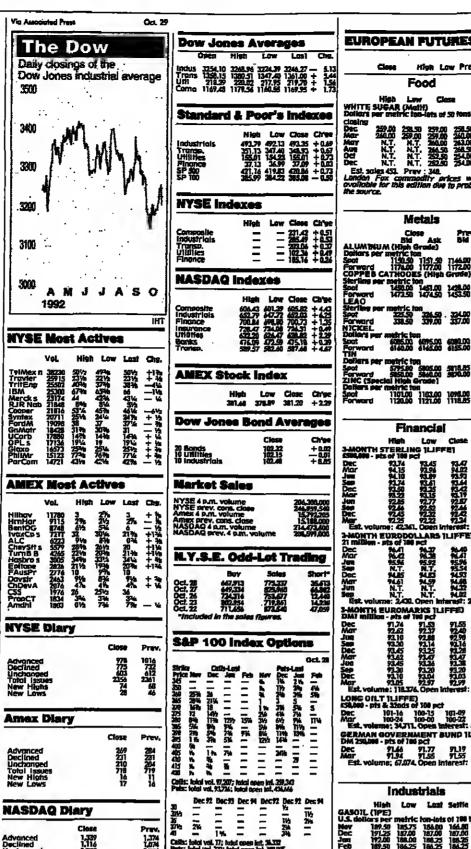
In addition, "there were conflicting comments from the Bundes-bank — one member said he expected the dollar to go up over the next couple of months suggesting an interest rate cut," said Andrew Hudson of the Bank of Tokyo. "But in the same breath he said that

The Bundesbank council left interest rates unchanged at its regular

Meanwhile, the market found its confidence in a victory for Bill Clinton, the Democratic Party's "The dollar ended mixed, but candidate, may have been a touch had a nice run in the past two premature, as polls showed his lead over President George Bush anywhere from 2 to 10 points.

Market sentiment has swung in The unexpectedly sharp, 0.4 per-cent rise in Western German infla-months in the belief that he will spend more to aid the U.S. eco-

The pound edged up to \$1.5730 from \$1.5725. Norman Lamont. British chancellnr of the Exchequer, did not launch any major



Svenska Kredit Nears Failure

STOCKHOLM - Svenska Kredit AB, the financially troubled Swedish credit insurance company, said Thursday it had decided to declare

The company said the move came because its two main shareholders and four of its main bank creditors could not reach agreement on long-term liquidation of the company. The Swedish government had intervened twice to try to prevent a bankruptcy, but the filing had been expected for the last two weeks.

Svenska Kredit's principal shareholders, the Swedish insurers Trygg-Hansa SPP Halding AB and Skandia AB, have refused to inject more

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Jobless Claims Rose Slightly in Week

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) — The number of U.S. workers filing unemployment claims rose slightly in the week ended Oct. 17, after four consecutive weeks of declines, the Labor Department said Thursday.

However, a falling four-week average for claims suggests labor markers are on the mend. "It seems that things are getting a little bit better as far as claims are concerned," said Marilyn Schaja, an economist at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette in New York.

The increase of 8,000 jobless claims to a seasonally adjusted 375,000 in the week ended Oct. 17 followed a decline of 16,000 claims to 367,000 the previous week, earlier reported as a decrease of 15,000 to 368,000.

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Tartikoff Quits as Paramount Head

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Brandon Tartikoff, 42, said Thursday that he had resigned as head of Paramount Pictures after just 15 months at the helm of the studio to spend more time with his daughter, who was seriously injured two years ago in a traffic accident. The studin said that Stanley Jaffe, chief operating officer of Paramount

Communications Inc., had been appointed interim head of the studio. 5 Bondholders to Sue Marriott Corp.

BALTIMORE (Bloomberg) — A group of five institutional investors who own about \$100 million of Marriott Corp.'s bonds said Thursday they would file a lawsuit here to block the hotel company's restructuring. Marriott declined to comment.

The bondholders, led by PPM America, said Marriott violated securi-ties-fraud laws earlier this month when the hotel chain said it would split into two companies. The restructuring would leave Marriott Internation-al Inc. with a pristine balance sheet and Host Marriott Corp. saddled with all of Marriott's real estate and \$2.9 billion of debt.

TWA Cleared to Increase Borrowing

WILMINGTON, Delaware (Combined Dispatches) - Trans World Airlines has won bankruptcy court approval to borrow an additional \$100 million as the carrier tries to keep flying through its reorganization.

Judge Helen Balick granted the request during an emergency hearing sought by the airline and its creditors. TWA said it had arranged to borrow \$25 million for one year from one of its bondholders.

Separately, TWA's unions approved a plan that protects their pensions and allows a federal agency in seek \$1.2 billion in pension underfunding from the financier Carl C. Icahn. The unions cleared an agreement between TWA's creditors and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. that calls for TWA to issue notes to cover \$300 million of the underfunding, but it allows the pension agency to eventually seek the entire underfunded amount from Mr. Icahn and his other companies. (AP, Bloomberg)

Fare Wars Hurt 2 Airlines' Results

NEW YORK (AP) — The summer airfare wars were blamed Thursday for a 14 percent drop in third-quarter profits at United Airlines parent company and the ninth straight quarter of losses at America West Airlines.

United's parent, UAL Corp., earned \$21.5 million on revenue of \$3.58 billion, down from \$25 million a year earlier on \$3.23 billion of sales.

America West posted a loss of \$70.8 million on revenue of \$321.6 million, compared with a 1991 third-quarter loss of \$85.2 million on sales of \$358.7 million. America West filed for protection from creditors in June 1991.

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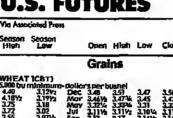
(Bloomberg)

Philippine Air Lines has nrdered four Boeing 747-400s and taken options on two more in a deal valued at more than \$1 billion, Boeing Commercial Airplane Group said.

Digital Equipment Corp. said it was closing manufacturing plants in Springfield, Massachusetts, and in Burlington, Vermont, idling about 670

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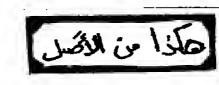
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Paris to Sell 10.5% Of Rhône-Poulenc PARIS — France plans to sell at least 6 million shares, or a 10.5

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tical company, but the state will keep a majority holding, the Finance Ministry said Thursday. The state currently owns 56.9 percent of the company directly, and

French state-owned companies own another 20.8 percent.

The industry minister, Dominique Stranss-Kahn, said the sale would bring in about 4 billion francs (\$768 million) and could well complete the government's sale of assets for 1992.

France, with nearly 3 million workers unemployed, has been selling shares in state-owned companies in part to raise cash for job programs. It had raised 10 billion francs this way by the end of September, with a goal of 16 billion francs (\$3.07 billion) this year. Asked if more asset sales were planned, Mr. Stranss-Kahn said: That will depend on how much this brings in. We are about on target." He added that, while he did not think there would be other

sales, "I cannot say there will be none."

The Finance Ministry said the sale would take place "within the next few months, depending on market conditions."

Rhône-Poulenc share for each preferential investment ceruncate, the main security traded, and one share for every A series participation share issued outside France. Participation shares are nonvoting that carry a priority dividend.

"These operations will help the development of Rhône-Poulenc by strengthening and simplifying the financial structure of the compa-ny," the ministry said.

Rhône-Poulenc, one of the world's major chemical companies, has a pharmaceutical business that puts it among the world's top 10 drug companies. It earned 2 billion francs in 1991 on sales of 83.82 billion francs. It has predicted that 1992 operating income will be 10 to 15 percent higher than 1991's 6.27 billion francs.

News of the sale failed to spark much enthusiasm, analysts said. Rhône-Poulenc investment certificates fell 20 francs apiece to 523 francs in lively trading Thursday on the Bourse.

At one point, the certificates lost 4 percent of their value, falling to 521 francs. Analysts said the price decline partly reflected a view that the share sale would be at a discount of 1 percent to 3 percent from

the market price.

Traders also sold because after the share swap, the investment certificates would lose their higher dividend. While investors will have voting rights, analysts said, these would be worth less than otherwise because the state will retain control of the company.

Analysts also wondered how well the market could digest at least 6 million shares, and the ministry said that the government might sell much more than 6 million shares, depending on market conditions.

■ France Telecom Plans a Bond Issue

France Telecom will probably issue a little more than 8 billion

francs in bonds next year, Reuters reported.

The company's finance director, Pierre Hilaire, said that the state telephone company was ahead in its 1992 borrowing program. It was looking at whether to issue a further 2 billion france before the end of this year, but had not yet decided, he said.

BA Decries Battle Over USAir Bid

GLENEAGLES, Scotland -The three biggest U.S. airlines have

conspired to block British Airways's move to invest \$750 million in USAir, America's fourth-largest carrier, the chief executive of Britain's flag carrier said Thursday.

"We are in the throes of a bitter battle," Sir Colin Marshall told Mr. Marshall's comments re-

ferred to a campaign against British Airways's proposed invest-ment in USAir, for which it wants a 44 percent stake, that has been mounted by by United Airlines, American Airlines and Delta. They have publicly lobbied against the investment, saying the British government must first grant them equal access to aviation markets in Britain.

The proposed investment has also become a political issue in the U.S. election.

On Wednesday night, Bill Clinton, the Democratic Party's presidential candidate, said be was opposed to British Airways taking the

stake in ailing USAir. "Twe got real problems with it." Mr. Clinton said in an interview on the CNN television network.

Ross Perot, the Dallas billionaire running as an independent ex-pressed his opposition in an Oct. 19

■ Savings for Air France

presidential debate.

Bernard Attali, chairman of Air France, said the link between his airline and Sabena SA of Belgium would lead to annual savings of nearly 800 million francs (\$154 miltion) by 1996, AFP-Extel News reported from Paris. In an interview, Mr. Attali said

that Air France's purchase of a 37.5 percent stake in Sabena, announced in April, would lead to annual savings of about 300 million francs for Sabena and 475 million francs for Air France.

Recession Bites Into ICI Profit

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LONDON - British Petro-

LONDON — Imperial Chemical Industries PLC said Thursday its pretax profit plunged by more than half, driving the London stock market down and casting doubts on the company's plans to spin off its drugs and agrochemical operations.

The British manufacturing conglomerate reported a profit of £93 million (\$146 million), down from £196 million a year earlier and below analysts' expectations of about £100 million.

The company's chairman, Sir Denys Henderson, said ICI was adversely affected by the worldwide, persistent recession" and said the results reflected a decline in

Sir Denys was pessimistic about the near-term on tlook for the com-pany, considered a barometer of British industrial health.

"There is little expectation of improvement in trading conditions in the near term, although the recent realignment of the sterling ex-change rate to more competitive levels should help in overseas markets," he said.

The results depressed an already comy London stock market. The Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100 index fell 8.1 points, to 2,642.3, and ICI shares were down 14 pence

ICI said it was "on track on the proposals" to spin off its more at-

through, eliminating most of ICTs £1.6 billion debt and widening share ownership. Estimate Called

The plan, announced in July, is seen as a defense against takeovers and a means of helping the drug operations expand. It was welcomed by the market, reflecting the view that the company's parts are worth far more than the whole.

Sir Denys said ICI had been hurt by weak demand for materials and chemicals, particularly in Europe, putting prices under pressure. A strong pound also damped results. Analysts, who earlier this year slashed 1992 profit forecasts for the company from about £800 mil to about £600 million, said they

would now cut them further. Smith New Court cut its forecast to £550 million for the year, from £625 million. In 1991, the company's profit totaled £843 unillion. Overall sales totaled £3.074 billion in the latest quarter, up from

£2,768 billion. Operating profit at the drugs and agrochemicals unit totaled £144

lion, down from £148 million. The most disappointing result was in the materials division includes films, acrylics, fibers and plastics. Analysts had expected a healthy profit, but the unit posted a loss of £27 million.

early next year, to be delayed.

The company has "said nothing new, only that they are continuing to look into the possibility of the demerger, which is what you would expect," said Martin Evans, an analyst at Martin Evans, and analysis at Martin Evans, and analysis at the said a The pharmaceuticals division, where expectations had been for a tractive drug and agrochemical The new company has been exbusiness, to be called ICI Bioscience PLC. But analysts said they

The new company has been expected to raise at least £1 billion in lion in profit, posted a profit of
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· Russian legislators want to tighten up on the diamond industry by transferring control of the sector to parliament or the central bank from the Committee on Precious Metals, Interfax news agency said.

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Amoco Sharjah Oil Co., a unit of Amoco Corp. in the United Arab Emirates, announced a major discovery of natural gas in Sharjah.

- An Bon Marché SA said first-half consolidated net profit rose 32 percent, to 213 million francs (\$41 million), from a year earlier. Profit before attribution to minority shareholders rose to 1.47 billion francs. from 188 million francs, because profit now includes earnings from the

Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP

TOMKINS: Deal for Ranks Hovis Surprises Hanson

and actively developing businesses has been an important factor for us in considering the long-term interests of our shareholders, employees and customers," said Mr. Metcalfe, the Ranks Hovis chairman.

But margins in Ranks Hovis's core baking business, which traditionally accounts for about half its profit, have fallen sharply, and some analysts doubted if Tomkins had the expertise to turn it around.

"Its expertise is in manufactur-

Natwest. "The food business inand brand name promotion than other areas.

Tomkins has 70 percent of its business in the United States and has been casting around for a British acquisition for some time. The acquisition would be Tomkins's eighth in 11 years.

values each Ranks Hovis share at 267.5 pence, compared with the 220 pence offered by Hanson.

Tomkins' share-and-cash offer

Terms of the recommended offer ing," said Mr. Allum of County are 2.29 new Tomkins shares plus

520 pence in cash for every four volves a great deal more marketing Ranks Hovis shares. There is a full cash alternative worth 260 pence.

> To provide part of the financing for the offer, Tomkins also announced a 1-for-2 rights issue to raise £672 million.

With annual sales of around £1.5 billion, Ranks Hovis is Britain's second-largest baker. In 1988 it fought off a bid from Australia's biggest food company, Goodman Fielder Wattie Ltd., which valued it at £1.7 billion.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

FRENCH: Rate Cut Signals Renewed Confidence

"Throughout Europe, the condi-tions for an easing of interest rates

Mr. Sapin, at a press conference, described the decision to return the short-term rate at which the Bank of France lends to commercial banks to 10.5 percent, from 13 percent, as proof that France had won its battle against currency speculators.

"This is the last sign of a return

But there was no indication of when France might be prepared to a loss, borrowed francs they had cut its intervention rate, currently sold in anticipation of a devaluation. at 9.60 percent, which is the benchmark rate for French lending.

After the narrow approval by French voters of the Maastricht treaty, France barely managed to avoid being forced to emulate Britain, Italy and Spain in devaluing its currency. Supported by a basically sound, stable economy, the franc was rescued by heavy central bank intervention and an unprecedented public pledge of help from the

francs (\$30.7 billion) it spent on my.

crisis." Mr. Sapin said. "The comrency market intervention last wounds from the attack have total-month. It made a profit of more than I billion francs from speculators who were forced to buy back, at sold in anticipation of a devaluation.

Analysts said the franc had emerged strengthened from its ordeal. "The franc is out of the woods now," Paul Hannett of Banque Paribas in London told Reuters. The government has "gained such an upper hand over the past month" and "their credibility has been restored.

Even with lower short-term French rates --- which still remain about one percentage point above comparable German rates - the The Bank of France, Mr. Sapin franc should strengthen, economists said, had already recovered more said, as the mark weakens in rethan 90 percent of the 160 billion sponse to a slower German econo

expecting a decline in European interest rates to help stave off further economic trav

are clearly being set in place," Mr. Sapin said. "The scissors that had opened are now closing," he said, holding out hopes that the wide gap in rates between Germany and the United States was starting to nar-

to normal after the the monetary

MICROSOFT: Attack on 2 More Software Markets

Novell, the leader in the high end of

But by bundling in electronic

for small work groups, Microsoft is from its high in the past year. But clearly aiming its network software Artisoft has plummeted from a 52-not at the foundation market of week high of \$35 to \$13.625.

ed by Lotus in its Lotus Notes Still, Wall Street appears to be-lieve that Microsoft's networking software may be less of a threat to Novell than to Artisoft, the leader at the low end of networking software for simple desktop computer

Novell's stock was qooted Thursday at \$31.50, down just \$1

Round two in this battle will begin next month, when Microsoft introduces its new database program called Access. That program aimed at Borland International the software publisher based in Scotts Valley, California that now commands the personal computer database market.

To try to gain an opening against Borland, Microsoft plans to initially price Access at \$99, far below the \$695 retail price planned for after the product's introduction.

Novell and Artisoft, but at the ap-plications market for groups of col-laborating office workers pioneer-

the networking market.

The problem they face in network computing is that PC net-

works already belong to Novell, and workstation networks belong to Unix," said Mark Stahlman, president of New Media Asso-ciates, a New York financial and technology company. "It will be very difficult at this stage in the game to win the hearts and minds of corporate computer center man-

(Continued from first finance page)

ducing a crisis-bound company's

Chrysler faced bankruptcy more

than a decade ago, it chose Lee A.

lacocca, who had been booted out

about the company."

DEADLINE: New Chief Faces Pressure for Results

Barvard Business School. "An out-By trying so hard oot to hurt people, Mr. Stempel postponed for too long naming plants to be shut. ader has less emotional burden, but he can make huge mistakes because he doesn't know enough With finances eroding directors apparently decided Mr. Stempel Management experts debate whether new leadership from inside or outside is more effective at re-

personnel ranks, closing plants and halting outmoded traditions. When

of Ford Motor Co. He came in, cleaned house and turned Chrysler GM often has rejected critics,

such as Ross Perot, who directly challenged or tried to change its Robert C. Stempel, who resigned Monday under pressure, agonized constantly during his 27-month

was a fine engineer who lacked re-

Mr. Smith will be charged to prove he's "Neutron Jack" of Detroit -like "Neutron Jack" Welch. chairman of General Electric Co., who won renown for sheing per-sonnel costs while leaving buildings

and projects unharmed. Monitoring Mr. Smith closely will he John G. Smale, a former Procter & Gamble Co. chairman and a GM director, whom people close to the board predicted would be named GM chairman Monday.

Besides having a man expert in running a huge consumer products

tenure as chairman over the human company as chairman of an auto company, the arrangement will be quite unusual in another respect. At GM as well as most U.S. corpo-

rations, the chairman is also chief

Elmer W. Johnson, a former GM executive vice president, has argued for separating the jobs because he believes directors will evaluate a company's management more effectively if the chief executive does not run the board.

A number of executives who turned Chrysler around in the early 1980s and left the company in the late 1980s believe they could be similarly effective at GM. Two of them are finance experts working at companies that have had prob-

Fred Zuckerman, vice president of finance of RJR Nabisco, and Gerald Greenwald, president of Solympia & York, have indicated

(Continued from first finance page) scrambling to unload rubles as fast as possible, he said a hyperinflationary mentality had not yet taken hold. economy to the free market. Mr. Geraschenko and his supporters argue that

But Mr. Layard said that if the central bank did not raise interest rates and tighten its credit policy, consumers could quickly lose all faith in the ruble. "I think it will be determined entirely by the credit

policy of the central bank," he said. The dispute between Mr. Gaidar's team and the central bank, led by Viktor Geraschenko, is part of a wide-ranging debate now threatening Mr. Gaidar's any chance of reform. government over the best method to pursue reform.

Mr. Gaidar has argued that a restrictive financial economy, the wor policy, forcing inefficient enterprises to lay off work-

RUBLE: Inflation in Russia Soars to 1,300% a Year ers and start producing goods consumers want or shut down, is the only way to move from a command

such a policy will result in mass memployment, erod-ing Mr. Yeltsin's popular support and destroying any chance of reform. They argue for a slower transition, with more state aid to failing factories.

But Mr. Vasiliev said that providing more subsidies would guarantee hyperinflation, which would wreck

"In moving from a command economy to a market economy, the worst place to be is somewhere in

DSM NV, the Dutch chemical group, said it expected a lower operating profit for the fourth quarter, after reporting a 55 percent decline in third-quarter earnings to 53 million guilders (\$30.5 million).

claims from Hurricane Andrew in the southeastern United States.

» Bazar de l'Hôtel de Ville's first-half consolidated pretax profit fell 29 percent to 20,2 million francs from a year earlier, the French retailer said. The London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange named Daniel Hodson, 48, as chief executive officer to succeed Michael Jenkins, who is retiring.

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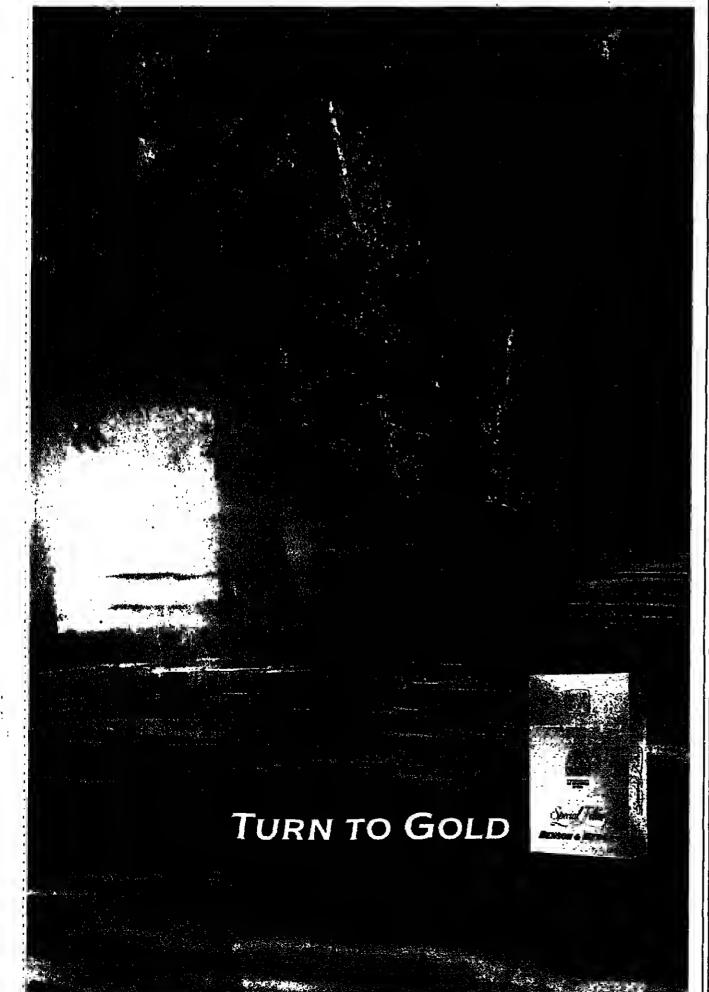
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Seeking a Small-Jet Big Time

BANDUNG, Indonesia the Indonesian state-owned serospace company, long a pro-tucer of Western-designed airraft, is turning to a home-grown commuter plane that it hopes vill secure its place in a fastgrowing niche market.

Industri Pesawat Terbang Nusantara, known as IPTN, has reserved orders for 167 of its 50seat, fixed-wing airplane, the N-250, which is scheduled to enter the commercial market in 1996. Twenty-four of the planes will go to foreign companies.

B. J. Habibie, the IPTN chair-

man, said the company opened a Seattle office in July to market the plane and other IPTN aircraft in North America. He is also targeting Asia, Europe and the Middle East. The end of the Cold War and a

sea of red ink at major international airlines have hurt makers of military aircraft and commercial jetliners. But the market for commuter planes is expected to remain buoyant throughout the

IPTN has delivered about 300 fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft made either under license or in was launched in 1976. The N-250 is its first in-house-designed plane and Mr. Habibie hopes it will lead Indonesia's move into

the international market. "I want Indonesia to be a major center of excellence in aircraft production," said Mr. Ha-bible, who is also state minister for research and technology.

The company says it plans to produce both jet and propellor planes with capacities ranging from 50 to 130 passengers and a maximum flight range of about 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers). A 70-seat version of the N-250 is in the works.

In Indonesia, passenger-air-craft demand is forecast to expand at a rate of 7 percent a year, fueled by continued strong ecoMcDonnell Set To Buy Parts From Taiwan

Reuters TAIPEI - McDonnell Douglas Corp. plans to buy

parts for its passenger jets in Taiwan, boosting the island's aerospace industry, a Taiwan official said Thursday. McDonnell has agreed to let its suppliers form joint ven-

tures with or subcontract orders to Taiwan aircraft-parts makers, said Jack Tang, deputy director of the government's Committee for Aviation and Space Industry Development. Executives from McDonnell are to visit Taiwan next month to evaluate local suppliers, Mr.

Tang said. Taiwan Aerospace Corp., 29 percent state-owned, has backed away recently from an accord to buy up to 40 percent of McDonnell's commercialaircraft operations.

nomic growth. The country com-prises 13,667 islands that stretch for 3,200 miles east to west, and air travel has for years been the most viable means of long-dis-tance transportation. IPTN has traditionally used that market to drive, support and finance its de-

velopment.
One of the fastest-growing areas in Asia will be for commuter-type planes," said William Bucke, managing director of the Avmark Asia Ltd., a Hong Kong-based unit of Washington-based Avmark Inc. "From China to Indonesia, we're going to see more and more requirements for that type of aircraft."

"The United States and Europe are under turnoil with the big airlines," Mr. Burke added,

but more and more start-up airlines are looking to fill more

IPIN employs about 1,500 workers at its Bandung factory, 125 miles southeast of Jakarta, up from about 500 workers when it opened 16 years ago.

It manufactures several commuter planes under license from Spain's Construcciones Aeron-anticas SA, or CASA. It also builds helicopters, including the NB-412 with the Bell Helicopter unit of Textron Inc. of the United States, the Poma and Super Puma with Italy's Aerospatiale and the BO-105 with Messer-

schmitt Bölkow-Blohm Earlier this year, IPTN handed over components for Boeing Co.'s 767 models on a subcontract from Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. of Japan. It also holds a U.S. Federal Aviation Administration license to make

components for the 737 range. IPTN officials contend the N-250 will be a success because of competitive pricing and its mod-ern flight-systems design. But industry experts said it faces tough competition from products al-ready on the market, such as the Fokker-S0, produced by Fokker NV of the Netherlands, and a similar plane to be produced by Saab-Scama AB of Sweden.

"I don't know much about the N-250 yet, but I can say it will face some stiff competition from the Fokker plane," said Dwight Penson, president of Philippines Aerospace Development Co. in

"The Fokker plane is an old design," he added, "but most of the successful designs on the market today have been around for years. The N-250 will have to prove itself." Mr. Penson said, however

that state-owned IPTN could use Indonesia's membership in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to gain an upper hand against its European rivals in the Asian market.

Ito-Yokado Chairman Steps Down

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - The president of Ito-Yokado Co., Japan's most profitable supermarket chain, resigned Thursday to take responsibility for

alleged payments by company officials to gangsters to keep order at a sharcholders meeting in May.

"I am deeply sorry for all the trouble we caused," said President Masatoshi Ito. Mr. Ito's resignation follows the

arrest of a company anditor and two managers on Oct. 22 on suspicion that they paid at least 20 million yen (\$164,000) to three yakuza racke teers to intimidate shareholders. A company lawyer said Mr. 110 had no knowledge of the pay-

Mr. Ito also resigned as chairman of Seven Eleven Japan Ltd., the convenience-store chain, and of Denny's Japan Co., the restaurant operator. Toshifumi Suzuki, formerly president of Seven Eleven Japan, was named Ito-Yokado's new president and chairman of Denny's Japan. The new president of Seven Eleven Japan will be Hiroo Kurita, formerly its manag-

ing director. Many Japanese companies have relied on the yakuza to keep shareholders from asking embarrassing questions at shareholder meetings, although such practices are prohibited by law. (Bloomberg, Reuters) sorbing much of that loss.

Weak Economy Hits 2 Japan Airlines

TOKYO - All Nippon Airways al side is in bad shape," said Kazuand Japan Air System, Japan's second-largest and third-largest aird third-largest aird dent of ANA.

To shore up earnings, ANA plans to reduce the number of

ing the sluggish economy and high capital-spending costs. ANA said current profit fell 40 percent, to 17.35 billion yen (\$142.2 million), in the six months

ended Sept. 30. Japan Air System's current profit for the half fell 75 percent from a year earlier, to 1.44 ANA's profit tumbled despite a 2.4 percent rise in sales. It said slow

nestic growth was a key reason for the decline. But the cost of setting up 19 atternational routes since 1985 has done even more damage to ANA's

carnings, analysts said.

In the April-September period,
ANA's international sales, which account for 15 percent of overall sales, rose 7.8 percent, to 63.12 bil-lion yen. But depreciation costs of the carriers that ANA has bought since 1985 to build its international network still overshadow revenues.

alysts said. ANA's international operations will post an estimated 20 billion yen operating loss this year, ac-cording to Junko Ota, an analyst at UBS/Phillips & Drew, following a 13 billion yen operating loss last year. The larger and more profit-able domestic operations are ab-

2d Dragon Bond Issue Meets Wide Demand

"Every route on the internation-

plans to reduce the number of weekly flights on as many as 6 of its 19 international routes, he said. The company has used domestic

revenue to keep itself in the black. ANA handles half of all passenger traffic inside Japan and has 72 domestic routes. For the year ending March 31, ANA predicted current profit of 17.5 billion yen, down 22 percent from the previous year. That means

the company will barely break even in the second half. At Japan Air System, sales in the six-month period rose 2.3 percent, to 142.2 billion yen. The sluggish Japanese economy, a decline in business-class passengers and in-creasing competition among Japanese airlines kept revenue growth

In addition, the airline's pur-chase of four new airplanes increased operating costs 5.7 percent. Japan Air System expects to post 2 billion yen current loss in the

slow, the company said.

full year ending March 31, 1992, which implies a current loss of 3.44 billion yen in the second half. Business could remain slow in

the second half, depending on the timing of an economic recovery, the company said.

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 San Miguel Corp. of the Philippines said net income was 2.16 billion pesos (\$88.2 million) for the first nine months of 1992, up 6 percent from a year ago; the company cited expansion and modernization.

NEC Corp. said it would boost production of 4-megabit dynamic random-access memories for the U.S. market following a U.S. more to uphold dumping charges against South Korean chip makers.

Citibank NA, the New Zealand unit of the U.S. banking group, said it expected its revenue to rise 20 percent and was reconsidering its decision

to move foreign-exchange operations to Australia. The World Bank executive board voted to give India another half year to plan resettlement for hundreds of thousands of people facing displace-ment by a water and power project planned for the Narmada River and

British Gas PLC signed a contract to explore for oil off the southern coast of Vietnam, the Vietnam News reported.

Antah Holdings Bhd. of Malaysia said Eurapipe Lad., a unit in which it holds a 51 percent stake, had expanded operations to Indonesia.

Royal Dutch/Shell Group and the state-owned Petroleum Authority of Thailand signed a joint-venture agreement to build a \$2.5 billion oil refinery in Thailand, to begin operations in 1996.

 South Korea will open eight business sectors to foreign investment beginning next week as part of a plan to attract technology and invest-AFP, Reuters, AP, Bloomberg, UPI

The issuer, the Asian Development Bank, said it

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HONG KONG - Southeast Asia's fledgling debt markets took a stride toward maturity on Thursday with the successful launch of the second issue of socalled dragon bonds.

was particularly pleased that the \$300 million fiveyear issue was in demand across a wider range of countries and investors than the first dragon bond in November last year. It pledged to make at least one more such issue next year,

"It was very widely distributed in the region, with some bonds going to China, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand and even New Zealand and Fiji," said the ADB treasurer, Tomoo Hayakawa, in Manila,

Dragon bonds are those exclusively issued and listed in Asia, excluding Japan. Thursday's issue is being listed in Hong Kong, Singapore and Taipei.

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'our de France Has **locky Road Ready** or Riders in 1993

By Samuel Abt International Herald Tribune
SSY LES MOULINEAUX, III) Supplies 1993 Tour de France was eiled Thursday and the man the big smile at the end of the entation was Miguel Indurain,

defending champion in the ld's best bicycle race. adurain smiles readily anyway, he had special reasons to be ised. The 80th edition of the ir will play in the Spaniard's ngths; the long time trial and high mountains. His formula winning the last two Tours and , year's Giro d'Italia has been to with the best riders on climbs then crush the field in time ls, or races against the elock, The 1993 Tour, which starts July nd ends July 25, lists three long te trials. The first, for full ninen teams, will be held July 7 and Il cover 85 kilometers (52.8 .les). The next two will he staged an individual basis — along 65 ometers on July 10 and 55 kilo-

hers on July 24. Between those two individual he trials come the mountains, lots nountains. The first of two daily es in the Alps will pass over the peaks on fully 14. The next will comprise four peaks, but " Alpe d'Huez, which has been pped for the first time in a de-

The Pyrences return to the Tour er a year's absence. Three stages I be held there, July 19, 21 and with July 20 a day off. Another t day, or part of one, is schedd July 13, when the field will fly the morning from Lorraine to E: Vercors in southeastern France lore heading the next day into .: Alps.

in all, Tour organizers listed 21 yor climbs during the 3,800-kiloter, three-week race. Nine of se mountains tower more than 100 meters (6,600 feet), including th familiar terrain as the Galibier d Izoard passes in the Alps and Tournalet Pass in the Pyrences. e unfamiliar Restefonds Pass familiar since it has not been versed by the Tour since 1964 the Alps will be the peak at 2,802

imalica but no less daunting will the Glandon and Telegraphe ses in the Alps and the Peyre-... rde and Anbisque passes in the rences. All of them are standard ur backbreakers.

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said Indurain, failing to look fright-

"It seems a lot harder, at least on paper," said Harrie Jansen, manag-er of the Buckler team, which will be sponsored next year by Word-

"For sure more difficult," said Jan Gisbers, directeur sportif of PDM, which goes out of existence at the end of the year.

"Much harder, and that last week will be a killer," said Maurice Le Guilloux, a former rider and directeur sportif, or team coach.

The last week includes the visit to the Pyrenees and the final time trial, sandwiched around a long train trip from Bordeaux to the

town of Bretigny, near Paris. The Tour will end in the capital with its traditional toing and froing on the Champs-Elvsées It will start in the Vendée region of western France, in the town of le Puy du Fou. Unlike this year's edition, which visited seven European countries after starting in San Se-

bastian, Spain, the 1993 Tour will

cling to the motherland except for a sojourn to Andorra.
That's a reaction to this year's route, when we were criticized for going abroad too much," said Jean-Marie Leblanc, the Tour's racing director, as he presented the itiner-ary in Issy les Moulineaux, a suburb of Paris and the home of a Tour

per l'Equipe.

Like a prisoner clawing at the walls, the Tour will cycle around the outer reaches of France, including Brittany, Normandy, the North, Lorraine, the southern Alps, the Mediterranean coast and the Atlantic coast. The heartland of the Massif Central, usually a pillar of the race, will be skipped.

As announced a year ago, the field will be reduced from 22 nineman teams to 20. The first 14 teams in the computerized rankings will gain antomatic berths in May while six "wildcards" will be named in mid-June.

The reason for the reduction to 180 riders is basically one of safety. More and more of the secondary roads that the Tour uses have been modernized with traffic islands and other devices to limit the carnage by French drivers, who rank among

the world's bravest if not best. Because of all the road impediments and its own nervous and rapid pace, especially in the dozen days of racing over flat stages, the Tour has found that the usual 198man field is just too big in get out of its own way. The smaller field will lead to fewer crashes, officials

million francs (about \$2 million) with 2 million francs to the winner. That announcement might have "The course is a little bit frighting with so many mountains." also contributed to Indurain's smile.

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rand, Spence Lead Volvo Masters

OTOGRANDE, Spain (AP) - Gordon Brand Jr. of Scotland birdled last two holes Thursday for a 1-under-par 70 to share the first-round of the Volvo Masters with Jamie Spence of England as fierce winds the demanding Valderrama Golf Club sent scores soaring. Steven Richardson of England was third after a 71, while Sandy Lyle of

otland and Bernhard Langer of Germany each shot 72.

Nick Faldo, the pre-tournament favorite, opened with 73 as nine yers in the select field of 54 scored 79s, and seven shot 80 or higher in lds that gusted up in 35 mph (56 kph).

or the Record

echin Tendulkar, 19, scored an undefeated century Thursday to lead to an 80-run victory in the nation's first cricket match in South

or league baseball officials Thursday scheduled meetings Nov. 10to determine whether the Giants will remain in San Francisco or move St. Petershurg. Florida. A Bay area group on Wednesday increased its by 55 million to \$100 million. It is intended to thwart a \$115 million cement in principal with the St. Petersburg group.

lose Canseco, the baseball star, and his wife, Esther, have filed for orce, her attorny said Thursday, two days after their fourth wedding liversary.

Ioe Riecko, a former star of the NFL New York Jets, has been indicted

a federal grand jury in Philadelphia connection with massive insurance and involving 66 other people, a New Jersey insurance company and ladelphia-area aum body shops.

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Helmut Meyer, who has announced be will not run for another term resident of the German Track and Field Federation: "Seventy-five cent of the DLV work has to do with the fight against drug abuse. I d to count medals, now I count urine samples.

A Heavyweight Comedy Tests the English Humor

tional Herald Tribune

LONDON — Leaving the last press conference Thursday, he was announced hy his manager as the first British heavyweight champion, which raised a whoopee from the crowd. Whoopers, however, are for flyweights. Heavyweights ought to be launched by MGM-lion roars that make the television cameras shake. It would have been a roar had Frank Bruno been leaving the stage. Bruno has the English accent, and he lost in Mike Tyson once.

But in the case of Lennox Lewis, his English accent was washed out in Canada some time hack and he revealed Thursday that the hardest he ever was hit was by Gary Mason, who happened to be moderating the press conference. This did not exactly start people saying, "Oooh, ouch, Gary Mason." Instead, hundreds of eyes shifted suddenly across the room to Razor Ruddock, whose bored expression was propped up by his dangerous left fist.

Lewis (21-0, 15 knockouts) fights Ruddock (27-3-1, 20 knockouts) early Sunday

morning here to decide, they hope, the next opponent for the undisputed heavyweight champion, be a Evander Holyfield or Riddick Bowe, his Nov. 13 ehallenger in Las Vegas. Both Bowe and Holyfield have indicated they will defend the championship against the Lewis-Ruddock winner, which only convinces people that it isn't going to happen. If it really doesn't happen, then the World Boxing Council's president, José Sulaiman, has vowed that his organization will award its championship to the Lewis-Ruddock winner.

The WBC has rules and regulations,"

cried Sulaiman, which was a shocking admission, especially since Sulaiman at-tempted not very long ago to strip Buster Douglas of his ritle only a few hours after he had put Tyson behind dark sunglasses. Sulaiman then declared that Lewis and Ruddock are "the two best heavyweights in the world," even though the WBC recognizes the undefeated Holyfield as champion. Until, that is, it strips the belt from him Earls Court, where the Lewis-Ruddock fight will take place, is only half sold-out,

ich is a nice way of saying that the

tickets to see their first future heavyweight champion. They wouldn't be having this problem if Frank Bruno was fighting. But Lewis is trying to win over the English public, which is why he turned down a chance to hold this fight in Canada, where both he and Ruddock grew up.

Given that this is being promoted as a semifinal in the heavyweight tournament, the fight is receiving little play in the London press. The thinking is that Lewis, 27. who moved to Canada when he was 11 but now lives in a three-bedroom home in Kent, won't be famous until he does some thing big in England. And so, logically, Thursday's press conference in an over-booked ballroom began with Ruddock demanding that his 6-foot, 5-inch, 225-pound (1.95-meter, 102-kilogram) opponent be tested for steroids.

"I worked darn hard in get here and I don't want anybody to come in cheating under steroid use," said Ruddock, who reportedly had refused to take Britain's mandatory AIDS blood test until Lewis submitted a urine sample.

convoluted Marxist way (that is, Chico Marx, one of those brothers) that, except on the day of the fight, the WBC had no interest in the drug use of its athletes. That's a big thumbs-up for steroids.

All of which led in a bit of dialogue that would have been at home in the Marx Brothers movie, "Animal Crackers,"

"I'm not saying the WBC is forbidding it; I'm forbidding it," Ruddock said. "Excrybody who fights Razor Ruddock takes a steroids test. It's in the contract." Lewis: "Are you saying I'm on steroids?"
Ruddock: "I'm not saying you're on

Lewis: "Are you saying you think I'm on steroids? Are you afraid I'm on steroids?" Ruddock tried to talk but Lewis was

holding the microphone.

Lewis: "Shut up and answer the question." Ruddock, jumping to his feet: "You want to shut me up?"

It was great for the telly and the tabloids. The two lighters were separated and

Ruddock was seated. Ruddock then ordered Lewis to go put his purity "in a promoter, noted that an AIDS test requires blood, while the steroids test "takes something you do every day. Everyone goes to the bathroom three or four times a day." The Brits were squirming in their

"You want to watch me?" Lewis asked." You want to blow a couple million dollars?" Ruddock answered. "Don't take the test, and we'll be back on the Concorde

going to the U.S." Finally, Lewis said he had already sub-mitted to the urine test, but only when the topic had become longer profitable.

Later, Ruddock boasted of his 19

rounds with Tyson and knockouts of Greg.
Page, Michael Dokes and, most recently, contender Phil Jackson. "Razor Ruddock said he just beat a guy who was 25-0, 23 knockouts," Lewis said.

"I think it's quite easy to beat up an exsparring partner. "It is easy," Ruddock said with a laugh. jumping up again. "You," he said, pointing down at Lewis, "are my ex-sparring

In Cable TV Fights, It's the Dec. 5 Bouts That Are the Losers

The Associated Press NEW YORK — A tripleheader featuring World Boxing Council super welterweight champion Ter-

ry Norris, junior welterweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez and World Boxing Association super middleweight champion Michael Nunn, scheduled for Dec, 5 at Cacsars Palace in Las Vegas, has been The card, to have been televised on pay-per-view TV hy SET-King Vision, was ealled off Wednesday by SET-King Vision

because a rival cable network, HBO, is going to telecast a non-pay-per-view light card the same Norris was to have defended against Simon Brown, Chavez was to have faced Greg Haugen and

Nunn was to have fought Victor Cordova of Panama, Brown was to have challenged Norris on HBO on Sept. 26 at Caesars Palace but the fight was called off when Brown went to the hospi-

tal complaining of dizziness several

was to have been promoted by Dan Duva in association with Don King, who has a promotional contract with Brown.

Then, with the permission of Duva, King signed Norris and

"After reviewing all of our options, SET-KingVision is canceling the Dec. 5 world ehampionship card because HBO will not reschedule its fight card.," a SET spokesperson, Mirina Capurre,

Ross Greenburg, executive pro-ducer for HBO, has been quoted as saying HBO scheduled its card to scuttle the King show.

The HBO show will feature International Boxing Federation middleweight champion James Toney and super middleweight champion Iran Barkley in non-title

Caputto said the SET-KingVision card might be rescheduled for

TOKYO DREAMING - Kevin Costner, who started in the baseball movie "Field of Dreams," took batting practice Thursday with the Major League All-Star team, which is in Japan for an eight-game series. Costner is promoting his new movie, "Body Guard,"

Leyland Voted NL's Manager of Year

Leyland. But he still contends 1992 was a winner who finished third with 29 points. It also was a good year for Leyland.

He didn't get baseball's ultimate reward, a World Series ring, but Wednesday he reccived a nice consolation prize: the National League manager of the year award.
Leyland received 20 of 24 first-place bal-

lots and 109 points to outpoll rookie manager Felipe Alou of the Montreal Expos in halloting by the Baseball Writers of America.

The Associated Press

Alou, who took over in May for Tom Runnells, was named on three first-place balground ball, one more out away from the World Series when the season ended for Jim vote went to Atlanta's Bohby Cox, the 1991 won the first of their three straight NL East

> .■ Puckett Becomes a Free Agent Kirby Puckett, one of baseball's premier

> players, has taken a step the Minnesota Twins could have averted five months ago and declared himself a free agent, The New York Times reported.

Fourteen other players also filed for free gency Wednesday, raising the total to 73. (See Scoreboard)

Puckett, 31, has played all nine years in the majors with Minnesota, batting for a .321 average and winning five Gold Gloves. Last season, he batted .329 with 210 hits, 19 home runs and 110 runs batted in, scoring 104 runs.

According to people familiar with the talks, Puckett and Andy MacPhail, the Twins' general manager, thought they had reached a tentative agreement in May for \$27.5 million over five years, only to have the team's owner, Carl Pohlad, reject the deal.

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President Perot's Fall

By Russell Baker NEW YORK — What specific I vent triggered the downfall of President Perot? Most historians pinpoint the infamous "roundup of the thousand-dollar suits."

Older Americans may remember that in campaign debate Perot had promised to rid Washington of lobbyists in thousand-dollar suits and alligator shoes. Naturally nobody expected him to do so. Politicians in those days constantly made colorful utterances called "sound bites," which voters regarded as idle campaign guff.

Then on Jan. 28, scarcely a week after Perot's inauguration, came that astonishing news bulletin: In a two-hour sweep of Capitol Hill, Vice President Stockdale bad rounded up nearly 4,000 thousand-

The vice president had driven them, lowing and bellowing, down Capitol Hill to Union Station. Too late, Stockdale realized he had \$8 million worth of suits packed into the station and had neglected to provide police protection.

The first suit-jackings were scarcely complete when the vice president phoned 911. The police got there fast enough to save maybe 1,500 lobbyists from appearing on the evening news wearing nothing but monogrammed shirts and alli-

The press sympathized with Stockdale. If President Perot had appointed a cabinet, as every other president had done, the suit-andlligator-shoes roundup could have been conducted efficiently by an attorney general or a secretary of

But no. The president didn't want a cabinet. Cabinets were part of the system. And be had been elected, he said, to do away with the system. Therefore, no cabinet. Case

He'd bad the White House closed, too. The presidency was now situated in Dallas. The Constitution said nothing about presidents having to live in a White House in Washington. Get rid of the White House and you got rid of those "sources close to the White House" that were always gabbing with the media

What had President Perot intended to do with the 4,000 lobby-

ists berded into Union Station? Since sources close to the White House no longer existed, nobody was quite sure. The only source close to the Dallas headquarters was President Perot, and all he said was, "I get under the hood and talk

sense to people. End of story." How do you get under the hood of Union Station when you're in Dallas? "Irrelevant," he explained.

Now, big news: "The Miffed Chief," a new book about Chief Justice Rehnquist, argues that Perot's downfall began eight days before the roundup of the thousand-dollar suits, on inauguration Day,

That, as everyone knows, was the first time a president was inaugurated on a TV talk show. Saying it was a waste of money to hold a big ceremony at the Capitol, the presi dent-elect asked Larry King to administer the oath in a special noon-time production of Larry King

As we know from his memoirs, King was becoming impatient with having politicians on his show. Now that the novelty of seeing ambition-crazed men on talk shows had worn off, the public's preference for enter-tainers, sexual deviants and authors had reasserted itself.

He agreed, however, on condi-tion be could do it in shirtsleeves, suspenders showing, to maintain his TV persona. We now learn in "The Miffed Chief," a brilliant psychological study by famed Su-preme Court psychological expert Sigmund O'Toole, that the chief justice was enraged by King's shirtsleeve performance.

With an unjust reputation for being a prim, juiceless fellow, Rehnist had long yearned to be shed of his grim black robe when administering the presidential oath. In 1989 he had even asked permission of George Bush to administer the oath

while wearing a T-shirt. Larry King's shirtsleeved performance with Perot produced an irrational animus toward the new president. The result was the historic court ruling that it was unconstitutional to take people to Union Station for wearing overpriced suits and vulgar shoes.

President Perot naturally resigned at once. It was Chief Justice Rehnquist, then, who gave us the Stockdale presidency.

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North America

A cold weekend is in store all the way from Chicago through Toronto and into the northeastern part of the Unit-ed States. New York City and Boston will have cold wealher despite sunshine each day, San Francisco and Los Angeles will likely be dry for the weekend.

David Sanborn, the Jazzman Who Isn't

By Mike Zwerin

International Herald Tribune

DARIS — David Sanborn played with bluesmen Albert King and Little Milton at the age of 15, turned full-time professional with the Paul Butterfield Blues Band and gained a name through prominent solo work on David Bowie's "Young Americans" album, on Stevie Wonder's "Talking Book," with James Taylor ("How Sweet It Is"), Bruce Springsteen ("Born to Rum"), James Brown, The Eagles and the Rolling Stones. He collaborated with Gil Evans off and on for more than a decade, most notably on the album "Svengali." His own album "Voyeur" won a Grammy award for "best rhythm and blues instrumental."

Sanborn's full-bodied sound, passionate vibrato and high-flying time ("easy to cop," he says) is arguably the most widely copied alto saxopbone style since Charlie Parker. But please don't misunderstand. He insists: "I'm not a jazz musician."

Whatever you call it, at the age of 47 after 32 years in the business, he's still doing it - better than ever. In Europe recently to promote his latest album, "Upfront" (Elektra), he explained his disclaimer: "I'm not going to cop a false humility plea, like Ross Perot. Well, if you volumteers want to call me a jazz musician, it's O. K. with me.' It's out of respect for the idiom. I'm not offended by the term. I'm flattered. The implication of jazz musician' is somebody who has a command of a certain vocabulary and who came up through the tradition and applied them-selves as part of the process of that tradition. I affect certain aspects of that, but I'm not really involved. My rhythmic orientation is rhythm and blues, and more than anything else rhythmic orientation defines the idiom."

Beyond obvious intelligence, there's a vulnerability about him, a fragility you often find in ex-drug addicts. He has been clean 10 years now, but his "dirty" time was twice as long and ended only after the woman he loved asked him to choose between drugs and her and he chose drugs.

In the '80s, this subject would have been the heart of this article, but the tale of drugs and musicians has been told. It has left either premature death or survivors, and we obviously have the latter bere. In more ways than one, come to think about it, because now, listening to Bowie's "Young Americans," Sanborn's signature sound stands out as the most interesting and contemporary element on this otherwise rather dull and dated album, which, if I remember correctly, was called "classic" and a work of art by the rock press. "Talking Book" holds up better - Sanborn



Saxman Sanborn: "Rhythmic orientation defines the idiom."

remembers that working with Stevie Wonder (1971-1973) was like "standing next to a nuclear reactor on stage. Stevie's comuntment was astounding

Commitment makes the difference. Sanborn plays music for its own sake. It's not something he goes to vacation from in the Bahamas. His horn is with him even on a promo tour. He does not play it for riches or fame, although he has had more than a touch of both (one platinum and four gold albums, five Grammy awards). He does it because it's what he is. He's a musician. Although some stop evolving, real musicians do not become dated or run out of material. Music is the stuff of their

It's the first thing you hear in his play-ing, a sort of timeless urgency. He ex-

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Albert Hall), calls him "ine of the most complete musicians on the planet.

He admits to having "endugh of an ego" so that he "didn't dislike" his bost role on the late, lamented weekly NBC TV show "Night Music" (Sundays, midnight). The setting was informal, "like a jam session." Each week an unlikely assortment of guests would perform with Sanborn's house band and each other. One night Sonny Rollins, Was Not Was and Leonard Cohen played together; on another, Charlie Haden, Toots Thielemans and Nick Cave did "Hey Joe." The show was dropped after two years because "the andience wasn't growing at the rate the sponsor expected it to. We had about a million viewers. Funny, but to me that's a lot of

Last year, he toured with an acoustic band — Kenny Kirkland, pano, Charlie Haden, bass, and Al Foster drums. The general growth of interest in acoustic innsic is one of the rare pieces of good news in these otherwise glum times. "It gives you a much wider range," he said. "There's no place to hide. Utilizing the primissimo lev-el of the horn is great. The saxophone is both a brass and a woodwind instrument and above a certain decibel level all you get is the brass aspect. The acoustic ensemble texture left me a lot more room to

The new album, "Upfront," while utiliz-ing state-of-the-art electronics and rock time and gizmos, was recorded in what might be called an acoustic fashion. It features a Hammond B3 (so-called "jazz") organ, which Sanborn considers an acoustic instrument even though it's plugged in: You can't get that rattle and distortion of a B3 on a synthesizer, that nastiness which I love. It brings me back to the organ trio sound of people like Jimmy Smith, Jack McDuff and Grant Green. Music from that era is acoustic to me, the sound is

really sensual. I grew up with that sound." Produced by Marcus Miller and con-cluding with a hard-swinging fund version of Ornette Coleman's "Rambin'," Upfront" was not "written" in the studio, layered with individual parts being overdubbed by trial and error one at a time. The band rehearsed, and then recorded it together in a week, mostly only one or two takes. Sanborn says, "It was sort of like — I hesitate to use the word — jakz.' Let's call it jazzlike. I'm always working around that word."

His choice of notes, which is not as "easy to cop" as he would have us believe, David Sanborn tour of Europe: Paris (La Cigale) Nov. 29; London. Dec. 1, 2, 3; Rotterdam, Dec. 4; Liège, Dec. 5; Berlin. Dec. 6; Cologne, Dec. 7; Hamburg, Dec. 8. music composer Michael Kamen ("Bra-"Adventures of Baron Munchau-

sen"), who has written a saxophone concerto for Sanborn (performed in London's

For Class von Bolow, anoth-victory in court: the Danish-bol aristocrat acquitted in 1982 of tr ing to kill his wife, the heiress Ma tha (Sumy) von Bulow, accepte undisclosed but "substantial" dan ages Thursday to settle his libel at against publishers who included h case in a book about murder, Xan du Publications Ltd., said at a Hig Court hearing in London that the von Bulow case should not have been included in "The Book, Murder." You Bulow was convic ed in 1982 of attempting to murd Mrs. von Bulow, but the verdi was overturned on appeal. He waretried in 1985 and found as guilty. Mrs. von Bulow has been i an irreversible insulin coma sint

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Von Bulow Wins Again

This Time It's on Libel

No. Sinead O'Connor isn't retin ing after all. The Irish singer wh tore up a photo of the Pope durin an appearance on "Saturday Night Live" told an interviewer she want ed to return to Dublin to raise family, but a spokesman said the didn't mean she's giving up music

The Quedlinburg treasure, which was taken by an American soldie at the end of World War IL ha been put on display in Berlin for si months. Germany paid \$4 millio to get the treasures back, includin an out-of-court settlement to heir of the soldier.

Another Shining Spot: Julie Andrews returns to the New York stage next year in "Putting it Together."; revue of Stephen Sondheim song beginning March 2 at the Manhat. tan Theatre Club. It will be her first Big Apple theater appearance since "Camelot" in 1960.

A legend turns 50: Tweety Bird, who became a cartoon classic for his epic battles with Sylvester the Cat and his famous line "I tawt I taw a puddy tat," turned 50 on

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Forecast for Saturday through Monday



By Mark Leyner. 168 pages.

ET TU, BABE

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

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WHO is Mark Leyner? According to the fictional testimonies offered in his cheerfully warped new novel, he is "the most intense, and in a certain sense, the most significant young prose writer in America." Stephen Hawking supposedly didn't publish "A Brief History of Time" until Leyner had "reviewed the book's fundamental theorem" and given his approval. Martha Stewart supposedly hailed him as "the writer who single-handedly brought a generation of young people flocking back to the bookstores after they had purportedly abandoned literature for

think it would be vulgar for play-

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And Harold Pinter supposedly called Leyner's play "Varicose Moon" "achingly beautiful": "I think it will be unnecessary for playwrights to write any new plays for some time now: 'Varicose Moon' should suffice. In fact, 1 wrights to burden the public with their offerings given the creation of

this conscating masterwork."
The fictional Leyner says of himself: "I'm only 36 years old; I've achieved international notoriety as a best-selling author, bodybuilder, martial artist; I make more in a year from product endorsements than most people make in a lifetime; I've got a multimillion-dollar headquarters with a gnard tower, gatehouses, patrol dogs, armed sen-tries, a vast warren of underground

Saturday into Monday. A series of storms will bring rain daily to northern Scot-

This description, of course, is both a sendup of America's celebrity-obsessed culture and a fantasy self-portrait of the real-life Mark Leyner, a 36-year-old writer who achieved college cult fame with his last novel, "My Cousin, My Gas-troenterologist" (1990). The fic-tional Leyner depicted in the pages of "Et Tu, Babe" is a monster of egotism, a show biz-literary tycoon of formidable wealth, a Rabelaisian consumer of drugs, women

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and possibly dangerous eccentric pursued by the FBL Who is this fictional Mark Leyner? Picture Arnold Schwarzenegger, Michael Jackson, Keith Moon, Donald Trump and How-

tunnels; I've got a gorgeous wife ture Citizen Kane, the Terminator and an entourage of gofers and and the character played by Mick and the character played by Mick lagger in "Performance" merged

into a single person.

And what of the narrative style used by the author to depict his fictional alter ego? It, too, is a crazy hybrid: William S. Burroughs crossed with Michael O'Donoghue, Jack Kerouac crossed with Sam Kinison. Told in short, discontinuous takes, the story of the lictional Mark Leyner is a long shaggy-dog tale, packed with scatological di-gressions, ribald fantasies. Dali-esque dream sequences, and weird a very long way. bits of manically distorted inforand bizarre experiences, a paranoid

In the course of "Et Tu, Babe," the fictional Leyner begins to run amok. He starts kidnapping his the author's willful hipness. promising writing students, to en-sure that they won't one day beard Hughes all rolled into one. Pic- come a threat to him, and he steals of The New York Times.

a vial of Abraham Lincoln's breath By Alan Truscott from the National Museum of Health and Medicine, The FBI O NE should not confuse the improssible with the improbable. On the diagramed deal, from a starts moving in on him, and his paranoia turns to justified fear.

For the reader, his adventures make for a dizzying read, by turns funny, outrageous and sophmorically twisted. But while "Et Tu, Babe" attests to the real Mark Leyner's vitality as a writer - his inventiveness, irreverence and shrewd ability to satirize the wretched excesses of a society obsessed with fame - a little bit goes

One begins this demented book amused and entertained and finishes it reeling from anecdote overload and more than a little sick of

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presses himself first and makes a bving second. To this extent he is, whether he

accepts it or not, a jazz musician. One

element contributing to his personal bril-

liant sound is the fact that he usually plays

with R&B or rock musicians in sharp keys favored by guitar players. And unlike most straight-shead jazz improvisers, he works off feeling more than ideas. "I don't think

I'm an innovator," he said. "I have a sound

and a way of phrasing that are pretty easy to understand. Basically, I do only one

thing. It doesn't take very long to check

is always organic with the feeling. Film

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rubber bridge game, West fell into that error with disastrous conse-

South heard a Precision Clubbid, strong and artificial, on his

left. One would expect him to show

his clubs after the one-spade re-sponse, but he concealed his seven-

card suit altogether, with a favor-

able impact on the eventual play.

Both sides competed vigorously in the major suits, and West dou-

bled six hearts with considerable

confidence. His confidence dwin-

dled somewhat when South ruffed

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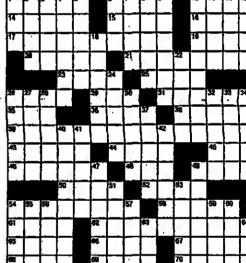
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West, routinely played low, and South sailed home in his doubled

slam. He won in dummy and

played two club winners, throwing

a spade from the dummy. He then played a third club, and West had

to discard. Dummy ruffed, and the

closed hand was re-entered with a

diamond ruff. The established

clubs were led, allowing a discard

of the remaining spade in the dum-my, and the beart ace was the only

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ble but not impossible. It was clear that South had begun with a dia-mond void and, in view of the Pre-

cision response, at most one spade,

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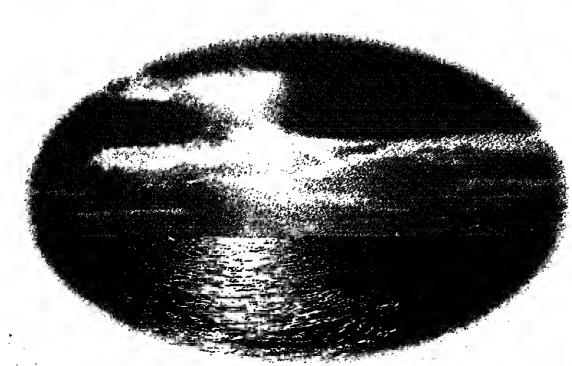
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